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Legends of Old Indian Orchard And Burial Ground Are Numerous

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The American Can Company plant at Chestnut and Water streets is located on one of the historic spots of Vigo county, a spot around which thrilling legends are woven and one that, according to those legends, was formerly an old Indian orchard and burial ground for both Indians and pioneer white settlers.

The Terre Haute Gazette of Jan. 30, 1892, a copy which was found by Mrs. Ella Tetzel, deputy county clerk, among the old records that had been preserved in her family—contained the following interesting sketch. "The spot of ground fenced in just south of the Vandalia tracks where it strikes the river, is commonly referred to as the Indian grave yard. That it was used by the Indians for a burying grounds was evident some years since by the finding of Indian graves when the excavation was made for the erection of Wes Shoemaker's house, which is only a few yards north of the cemetery. It is also true that the place was once a cemtery for the whites, for at this time a few graves and their leaning stones yet remain in bad condition."

This item of over fifty years ago intrigued the interest of several workers at the court house. C. A. Clark, of the Hendrich Abstract Company, was appealed to and recalled the fact that when the title was being cleared for the transfer of this spot to the American Can Company a quiet title suit had to be filed against some of the heirs of persons whose names had to be taken from tombstones.

Known As "Indian Orchard."

A second interesting legend of the spot arose from the fact that many years ago the spot had several fruit trees growing in its confines. This was commonly referred to as the "Indian orchard," but the legend at that time was that "Johnny Appleseed" had planted the seeds from which the apple trees had grown. "Johnny Appleseed" was not the man's real name, but he was given this title by friendly Indians, who always gave their "white brother" protection.

Another legend of this locality was furnished by A. R. Markle, well known historian. According to Mr. Markle, when the old Wabash & Erie canal was being constructed, several families were asked to remove bodies from the route of the canal to the new Woodlawn cemetery. Some complied, while others did not. The city of Terre Haute then removed other bodies, believing that they had located all on the canal route, but when the contractor began excavations he discovered some 30 graves that had been missed and moved these bodies. He then rendered a bill to the city for approximately $1 per body. This was rejected on the grounds that it was too high and the city paid the contractor approximately 75 cents per body for the ones he moved. The old canal touched only the west edge of the "Indian orchard" and the burial ground.

Mr. Markle states that the original burial ground extended from Sixth and One-half to Sixth and from Ohio street to the alleyway between Ohio and Main street. The location to the vicinity of First and Sycamore was probably made about 1822, the year that the first steamboat came up the Wabash river and ten years before Terre Haute became an incorporated town.

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THE OLD INDIAN ORCHARD

This spot was long known as the Old Burying Ground, and was used as such from 1816 to 1839, when Woodlawn Cemetery was established. The Terre Haute Express for May 17, 1848 has a notice: "To those interested - The Old Burying Ground -- We understand from the contractors on that part of the Wabash and Erie Canal which passes over a portion of the Old Burying Ground belonging to the town of Terre Haute, that in the course of a week or ten days, their work will approach this ground, and that there are some fifteen or twenty graves immediately within the line of their work. Those, therefore, who may have relatives or friends interred in this ground, should see now their remains are taken up and are interred in a place where they may not be again disturbed -- either in the new Grave Yard, or in the eastern part of the Old Burying Ground."

Then, 28 years later in the same publication, Terre Haute Express of July 9, 1876 we find another short piece: "There is in the old graveyard on Water Street, on the beautiful and lonely bluff banks of the river, just below the Vandalia railroad, but a single stone standing to mark it as the city of the dead..... On its scarred and battered face are still left a few marks and figures that tell us that P. B. S_____ was born _____1776, just a century ago this year." After some further remarks in the flowery style of the 1870's, the writer says, "....it is a quiet retreat, and a good place for thought and reflection, what so few care for in these rushing times." The same thought occurred to me a hundred years later when I visited this place 12 days ago.

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The first white child born in Vigo County became a seafaring man, but late in life wrote an account of his childhood in which he describes the Old Indian Orchard as a beautiful spot of "prairie", high above the Wabash, from which one had an expansive view both up and down river. There was evidently some cutting into the bluff with the advent of the railroad and this plus other man made changes render some of the old accounts difficult to visualize here, now. Yet if you walk a little way into the present day thicket you can glimpse enough of the river to imagine what the view used to be.

According to some accounts, including that of A. R. Markle in a January 1941 article, the Old Indian Orchard and the Old Burying Ground were originally contiguous but in use, separate. The Old Indian Orchard really existed and was used by the Indians, but not as a burial ground. The planting of apple trees has been variously ascribed to some French fur trader who had base camp here (the French quite commonly planted fruit trees), to a young white woman reared from childhood as a captive by Indians, or even to Johnny Appleseed, himself. In July, 1970, the Terre Haute Star published an article on such romantic legends, written by our own Dorothy Clark, and well worth reading.

Although some happenings before 1816 may be hazy, we do know that there was an Old Burying Ground of Terre Haute, beginning in 1816 to 1818, that it was near or part of an Indian location known to pioneers as the Old Indian Orchard, and that we are standing on a portion of it, attempting to honor those who did their part 200 years ago in founding our country, the United States of America.

Delivered on behalf of the Vigo County Historical Society, July 4, 1976, as part of D. A. R. dedication of markers for Revolutionary War Soldiers at the Old Burying Ground and/or Old Indian Orchard.

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 Vigo Co. Cemeteries

Vigo County's Oldest Cemetery To Be Marked

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Editor's Note —The unveiling of a historical marker designating the site of Vigo County's oldest cemetery has been scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Saturday. The marker will be placed on the green at the west edge of The Pillsbury Company parking lot on Sycamore Street, It will be visible to passerby from U.S. 40 and U.S. 41. An account of the history of the cemetery is given in the following article.

By DOROTHY J. CLARK
Sectetary, Vigo County Historical Society

Before the coming of the white man, the Wabash Valley was the early home of the Indians. Here the wild forests, the prairies and the many rivers and creeks made this valley an ideal hunting ground. Here were herds of buffalo, and deer; flocks of wild turkeys and prairie chickens; waterfowl of every description—these provided food, clothing and even the wigwams of the Indians.

The Miami Indians were in possession of all the land now occupied by the State of Indiana. They were a confederate nation made up of the Twightwees, or Miamis proper, the Weas, or Ouiatenons, the Piankeeshaws, and the Shockneys. History tells us there were many Indian villages and a few French trading posts scattered along the Wabash River in the 1700's.

One of these Wea villages was once a part of Terre Haute. It stood on the high bank of the river where the Water Works Pumping station is now. Called Quiateno ,pronounced We-au-teno, it was said to have meant Rising Sun. The name was not only beautiful but most appropriate. In that early day, one had an unobscured view from high ground across the prairies to the east and could see the sun rise. From this site the Indian could see north and south along the river and across the river to see the sun set in the west.

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Although history is silent, we know that here the Indians gathered around their camp fires, smoked the long pipe, played ball games, danced the war dance, and worshipped the Great Spirit. Their trails extended over the same ground our present streets occupy.

This site is the same as that of the old Indian orchard of village days when Terre Haute was known as Orchardtown. The old orchard indicated that the Indian village became a small French trading post.

History also tells us that in the month of September, 1763, a young Shawnee brave named Nemo arrived here to inform the village they must return any white captives to their original homes in the east. The Indian chief understood that he must give up the young white woman named Lena who had been reared by the old chief as one of his daughters since her capture.

The next morning Lena took sorrowful leave of her Indian foster father and left her Wabash home with Nemo and ten other white captives who were also being returned. At last spring came and the captives had reached their destination. The Delaware, the Shawnee and Seneca chiefs were assembled and the white captives were handed over to the white authorities.

Lena was taken to Pennsylvania and turned over to her relatives. Her parents had long since passed away and though her brothers and sisters welcomed her, she longed to be back with her Indian family and ways. On the long journey Nemo and Lena had fallen in love and he had promised to return for her in one year's time. The unhappy year slowly passed and in the fall of 1764 Nemo returned for Lena.

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The laws of Pennsylvania prevented their marriage but gave freedom to females over 18 years of age, and under that law she could follow her heart and return to the Wabash with Nemo. They walked from the Susquehanna to the Wabash with only one incident to mar the journey. They were attacked by three Miami warriors, the dreaded enemy of the Shawnee. After a terrific struggle, Nemo managed to kill all three and the warrior and his bride continued their journey. It was winter before they reached what is now the site of the Terre Haute House after crossing the prairie.

Eager to see her former home, Lena ran toward the high knoll of ground overlooking the Wabash, near where the railroad bridge crosses the river now. But there was no joyful homecoming, for the entire village had been wiped out in one of the savage tribal feuds. Nemo's tomahawk supplied the means to erect a shelter and a fire was lighted, necessarily in the winter weather. His bow and arrow supplied food and deerskin clothing and thus passed the winter.

In the spring of 1765, Lena planted a few apple seeds around the wigwam, seeds she had brought with her from Pennsylvania. Soon they sprouted and thus began Indian Orchard, so long associated with Terre Haute history.

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To complete their happiness a baby son was born. Lena dressed him in the finest of deerskins, adorning his little head with the plumes of the redbird. It was a happy spring and summer, but autumn brought tragedy. One evening Nemo saw five painted warriors stealthily approaching along the river bank. He recognized them as the hated Miamis. He grabbed up his bow and arrow, his tomahawk and knife, while Lena concealed the baby.

Nemo killed one of the five with the first arrow from his bow, but he was outnumbered. His second arrow killed another of the group but they were upon him. He killed a third with his tomahawk, but the two remaining sent their arrows into his breast. He died in Lena's arms. Lena snatched her son from his cover, threw him into the arms of a Miami knowing they would not harm the baby, then buried the scalping knife in her own heart, and fell dying on the body of Nemo.

Because of her courage, the Miamis spared the child and buried Nemo and Lena side by side on the top of the knoll. Their once happy home was pillaged and destroyed, and nothing was left to mark the spot except a few tiny apple trees that had ben planted by Lena's hand and which were bearing fruit when the white man first visited the spot.

The little son was adopted as one of the tribe by the Miamis, but when he grew to manhood and learned his identity, he went to the Shawnees and joined his father's tribe. He was with Tecumseh when he treatied with Gen. Harrison, was at Tippecanoe, and finally fell, covered with wounds, by the side of Tecumseh at the Battle of the Thames.

The graves of the two lovers

1963 from its original address of 318 S. Second St. to its current home at Fairbanks Park. Take a look through the windows anytime and learn about the man and the house, which has since been restored.

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'Old Indian Burying Ground' over the ages

TAMIE DEHLER

On Nov. 19, 1892, the Saturday Evening Mail published a story about what was being called the "Old Indian Burying Ground," naming it as the city's first public burying ground, describing it as two acres surrounded by a dilapidated fence, and lamenting the fact that there was evidence left of only four burials.

The remaining markers were described as a headstone for Polly Buchanan, first wife of Joseph R. Buchanan, who died Nov. 22, 1829. Her grave was located on the highest ground in the center of the cemetery. Accompanying the headstone was a footstone with the initials "PGB." Next to her grave was a footstone inscribed "JRB," presumed to be all that remained of her husband's grave site. South and west of these two was the grave of Stephen Law, who died on Jan. 31, 1839, in his 65th year. West of the Law grave was a broken and unreadable stone.

These four graves, along with many others that had lost their markers over time, or never had a marker, had survived the intrusion when the Wabash and Erie Canal was cut through the old grave yard in 1848. The burial ground was described as being north of Hudnut's hominy mill on Water Street. A few years later, this mill, called the American Hominy Co., would threaten the cemetery's very existence.

For some reason, many think financial, the city of Terre Haute agreed to sell the old Burying Ground for commercial purposes. The American Hominy Co. wanted the land for expansion north.

The Sanborn Fire Map of 1911 shows the hominy mill located just south of an undeveloped area, which would be the cemetery. The hominy mill was on lot 4, today owned by ISU, and the Burying Ground on lot 3, now the Riverfront Lofts. On Sept. 9, 1917, the Saturday Spectator reported that an offer had been made for the Burying Ground. The land was transferred from the city of Terre Haute to the American Hominy Co. on Nov. 7, 1918, Deed Book 156, page 395, for a sale price of $5,000. Sub Book 8, page 56, in the Vigo County Annex, shows the surveyor's original notes on the lots, completed on May 19, 1921.

The city did make an ineffective attempt to remove bodies from the cemetery before the transfer. The Common Council ran a notice in the April 6, 1918, Saturday Spectator: Notice that "the old Indian Burying Ground located on out lot 3 ... shall be vacated in accordance with the provisions made by the statutes of the state of Indiana. And the said Common Council can find the remains of but two persons buried there in said cemetery, namely Polly Buchanan and Jacob Lawe [this must have been Stephen Law] ... and that the said council will, on or after the 12th day of June 1918, cause the said bodies herein named ... to be exhumed, and unless they are claimed by relatives they will be re-interred in other cemeteries."

On June 22, 1918, the Saturday Spectator reported that these two were the "last of the burials" and had been re-interred in Highland Lawn. Left behind were the two burials mentioned in the 1892 article above – Polly Buchanan's husband, Joseph, buried next to her, and an unnamed person south of Mr. Law. Also not addressed were the countless others who never had a headstone or whose grave marker was eroded away.

Not everyone in the city agreed with converting this early cemetery into industrial property. The Jan. 3, 1920, edition of the Saturday Spectator complained that a "sacrilege" and "shameful desecration" had been committed and called for the sale to be reversed. There is no record of the hominy company disturbing any graves during its ownership of the land. Within a few years, the company had a major fire and also went into bankruptcy. The land was sold to the American Can Co., which built the present building covering most of the cemetery in 1930.

Next week: What do we know about who was buried there?

The disappearance of vocalist Edith Castle

MIKE MCCORMICK

When James W. Fagan of Fresno, California, died intestate in early 1921, attorneys for his sizable estate sought to identify his heirs.

Fagan's California acquaintances told investigators that Fagan often bragged about his "daughter in Terre Haute who became a noted New York opera singer."

While residing in Vigo County 50 years earlier, Fagan married Dorcas J. Hall. A daughter, Flora Edith Fagan, was born of that mar-

desire to find her father.

The young girl known as Edith Castle was a talented vocalist, becoming a member of the volunteer choir at the First Baptist Church.

Later she was promoted to

tremors" while playing a piano solo before an audience but was never embarrassed to deliver a Wagnerian lecture before a large audience.

Anna overcame the tremors to become an outstanding piano teacher. Among her notable students is Vivien Bard. The Anna Hulman Memorial Piano Scholarship has been endowed in her honor at Indiana State University.

manent residents of Boston.

Edith Castle soon became recognized as one of the outstanding contralto singers in eastern America. During much of the year, she taught at a conservatory during the day, leaving her evenings free for concert work.

She returned to Terre Haute frequently and was remembered for her appearance in the Terre Haute Chautauqua of July 1907.

While Edith Castle, Anna

All aboard: Men posing on a train car from the Chicago, Terre Haute & Southeastern Line. The Union Depot tower can be seen in the background, circa 1920.

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Wrapping up Indian Orchard's history

This week concludes the series on the old Burying Ground of Terre Haute, also called the Indian Orchard Cemetery, looking at who is, or was, buried there. Finding names and documentation of the burials is extremely difficult, if not impossible. It was once estimated that there were about 150 graves on the two-acre lot, but this cannot be verified. Records of the burials simply do not exist.

It was said that three Revolutionary War veterans were interred there. However, it appears that this information is flawed. William B. Soules, reportedly a drummer boy in the Revolution, is probably not there at all and was also unlikely to have served in the war. According to the DAR, there is no documentation of anyone of that name ever serving in the Revolution. In addition, the biographical information submitted on his DAR application states that he died of yellow fever while in New Orleans on a trip. If this story is accurate, he is not buried in Indian Orchard.

TAMIE DEHLER

Pvt. Jonathan Kniffin (1755-1817) is reported to be interred in Indian Orchard. His wife was named Elizabeth Patience, according to a declined DAR application. The DAR could find no war service documentation for a man fitting this description. But according to Fold3, there was a Jonathan Kniffin born in Ulster County, New York, in 1753 and who served in several New York regiments throughout the war, advancing to the rank of orderly Sgt. He collected a pension in 1833, died in New York in 1838 and his wife Rachel later applied for a pension in his name. Neither moved from the state of New York during their lifetimes. This is a case of same name, wrong service record.

The military information for Sgt. Ethan Pomeroy does seem to check out on Fold3 and appears accurate. Born in 1744 in Hampshire County, Massachusetts, died in 1825 in Vigo County, Indiana, and served in Woodbridge's Massachusetts Regiment.

Whether Kniffin and Pomeroy are still in the cemetery or were taken out during past exhumations is unknown.

We do have the names of 27 people who we know for certain were buried there, but were removed to Woodlawn, possibly when the canal cut through the old cemetery in 1848. The Woodlawn Cemetery Index of Burials lists the following names (with the original burial dates noted): Rachel Anderson (1830), Elizabeth Armstrong (1835), Henry L. Ashley (1822), Ruby Webb Bishop (1834), Thomas Lee Bishop (1837), Cornelia G. Blinn (1828), Julia Bishop Blinn (1835), Sarah Linton Blake (1831), Hetty Brickman (1833), Esther Castro (1823), George Johnson (1836), Martha Johnson (1830), John E. Kirkeimer (1806), Berhard Koopman (1825), Frederick Koopman (1826), W.D. Long (1833), Margaret Miller (1826), Sophia Perkins (1829), John Reeve (1839) Russell E. Robbins (1831), Jane Breading Scott (1835), Jonas Seely Sr. (1826), Margaret Seely (1835), Sarah Miller VanBuren (1837), Robert Wilson (1827), Sarah Wood (1838), William Wright (1829).

Identifying these people on the early census and in early Vigo County marriage records has been elusive in most of the cases. An exception is Jonas Seely Sr. and wife Mary. They were the parents of Jonas Seely Jr., the founder of Seelyville. They came from Canada and Jonas Sr. served as a Canadian volunteer.

I can find no record of what happened to the skeletons unearthed when the American Can Company excavated them in 1930 while digging the foundation of the current building. There is no newspaper article mentioning what was done with the bones and there is no record in either the Woodlawn or Highland Lawn cemetery books of any kind of re-interment. It's possible the bones were reburied near where they were found.

Ben Blanchard: Triumphs and Defeats – Part I

In nearly 24 years of "studying" Vigo County history, no pursuit has been more fascinating to me than the saga of Terre Haute realtor Benjamin Blanchard.

Before April 2000, no journalist had attempted to chronicle Blanchard's incredible experiences.

After spending several weeks seeking and studying source material, I accepted the challenge, not realizing that my efforts would (1) result in the establishment of the Underground Salt Museum near South Hutchinson, Kansas, the site of the largest pure rock salt strata in the Western Hemisphere; and (2) contribute information, sometimes intentionally contradictory, which surely confused historians and history students.

Born in Ridge Farm, Ill.,

MIKE MCCORMICK

became postmaster of Newport in 1859.

In 1878, Ben taught at the seminary he attended, known as the "Schoolhouse on the Hill." On Jan. 3, 1881, he married Martha "Mattie" Carpenter of McLean County, Illinois. The couple had two children: Nelle, born in late 1881, and Ralph, born Dec. 4, 1882.

The Blanchards boarded at the Terre Haute House and Ben rented an office at 630 Wabash Ave., then popularly called "Main Street." In June,

BLANCHARD'S REAL ESTATE EXCHANGE."

Ben seemed to have a boundless advertising budget. No other realtor matched the frequency or size of Blanchard's daily newspaper ads. He was the only Terre Haute realtor to place a full-page ad in the 1883 Terre Haute City Directory, listing satellite offices in Newport, Kentucky, and Hutchinson, Kansas, and proclaiming "1,000,000 Acres of Land, Improved and Unimproved, For Sale."

In 1883, the Ben moved his family to 622 Swan St., a residence which would remain in the Blanchard family for several decades. But, in 1884, tragedy struck. On July 12, Mattie died of tuberculosis in Detroit, Minnesota, en

4,000-mile trip to Yellowstone National Park, via Chicago, St. Paul, Lake Minnetonka and the Falls of Minnehaha.

To assure his guests' comfort, Blanchard provided "Le Paradis," a magnificent private "palace on wheels," custom-made by the Pullman Co.

One snag slowed the trip for three days. A draft for the $1,500 down payment, allegedly issued by Blanchard on a New York bank, "had been mishandled by postal authorities." The Pullman Co. abruptly detached the car from the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul train until the delinquent sum was paid.

During the layover, Ben treated his guests elegantly, offering them tours of parks, restaurants and office buildings, including his plush Chi-

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Trial date now set for June in 2014 fatal stabbing

TRIBUNE-STAR STAFF REPORT

A June 4 trial date has been set for a woman accused of stabbing her boyfriend to death in September 2014.

Jomanda Gee, 26, appeared Thursday in Vigo Superior Court 6 where Judge Michael Lewis said no continuances will be granted.

Gee was arrested Sept. 23, 2014, after the death of Corey Pryor outside an apartment building in the 400 block of Oak Street.

GEE

She is charged with murder, aggravated battery as a Level 3 felony, battery by means of a deadly weapon, a Level 5 felony, and domestic battery, a Level 6 felony.

A pretrial conference was set for April 5.

When the incident occurred, Pryor was found unresponsive by police on the sidewalk in front of the apartment building, bleeding from a chest wound. He was pronounced dead at Union Hospital.

Police said Gee gave a statement saying that she and her boyfriend had been arguing over her moving out. Gee told police that her boyfriend hit her in the mouth, then grabbed a knife and cut her leg. She said she grabbed the knife and stabbed him, but didn't know where.

Gee has been in custody since the incident.

Police: Skull found at work site likely from old cemetery

Indian Orchard Cemetery, an early Terre Haute graveyard, is nearby

BY MARK FITTON AND LISA TRIGG
TRIBUNE-STAR

Tribune-Star/Austen Leake

Uncovered: Construction crews discovered a human skull at the former ICON building that is being renovated and turned into loft apartments.

Terre Haute police say they think a human skull found by workers converting the former ICON building on First Street into loft apartments is from an old cemetery.

Chief John Plasse said police are reasonably sure the skull is from a burial site, probably Indian Orchard Cemetery, but they are not yet certain.

There's been no indication of homicide, the chief said Thursday afternoon.

Indian Orchard Cemetery, the Tribune-Star noted in 2016, is Vigo County's oldest known cemetery and now "barely a memory and shows little or no evidence of once having been a burial ground, except for a sign in a parking lot."

It was north of the ICON building on Sycamore Street where it dead-ends.

The newspaper's archives show Indian Orchard became the first burial ground of a village called "Orchardtown," later to be Terre Haute, in 1816. It was also known as "the Terre Haute Burying Ground."

It was used as a graveyard for early settlers until 1839, when Woodlawn Cemetery was created. It had been one of two cemeteries in Terre Haute at that time – the other being between Wabash and Ohio streets east of Sixth Street.

After the establishment of Woodlawn, which was called City Cemetery for many years, some family members had the bodies of their loved ones who were interred in Indian Orchard moved and re-interred in Woodlawn.

Two other disturbances of the bodies in Indian Orchard were to occur. The digging for the Wabash and Erie Canal in the 1840s necessitated the removal of a number of bodies.

Then, in 1930, human skulls and skeletons were unearthed when excavating the foundation for the American Can Co, which opened in 1931.

That building – a 186,000-square-foot masonry structure – was later purchased by Pillsbury to make food products. Then, in 1995, ICON Transportation bought it.

Core Redevelopment of Indianapolis is converting the building into about 160 riverfront lofts. The developers invested $20 million, supplemented by $4.7 million in tax credits from the Indiana Economic Development Corp., and tax increment financing through the City of Terre Haute.

Cemeteries (W.V.)

Indian Orchard Cemetery

by Charles C. Oakey, 1908

the last resting place of citizens as well as for the regulation of their welfare in life. John F. Cruft, C. Gilbert and Robert Wallace are the names composing a committee charged with the duty of causing lots in the graveyard to be grubbed and trees to be pruned, leaving such trees as should be useful and ornamental. In January, 1839, lots 37, 38, 47, 48 in section 16 (a little over twelve acres) were bought for $620. A little later it was ordered that lot 47 be fenced and surveyed, and the lots marked out be offered for sale. Another interesting order directs John F. Cruft to buy a hearse and harness for use of the town, and in 1839, the superintendent of the graveyard was ordered to attend funerals whenever requested with the public hearse, and be allowed $1.50 for each funeral, to be paid by those employing him.

When Curtis Gilbert bought outlot No. 50 on Sixth street it had a graveyard on it. He had buried his young wife and child there years before, and built on the lot a dwelling from which a window looked out upon the little enclosure which surrounded it. The history of this yard is not obtainable, and it was left for the diggers preparing the foundations of the post office and adjacent buildings to exhume mouldering bones which showed that graves had been scattered over outlot 50 and as far as Seventh and Walnut. Why the pioneer chose to bury here instead of in the official lot on north Water street is not told. But the latter was not so accessible. It was well grown with trees, while this was open, and far enough from the village to suit. The Terre Haute Company were not residents, and hence did not concern themselves about the burying place, but when this ground was sold the funerals probably ceased if they had not some time before. At the same time the old cemetery, the one with the misnomer of "Old Indian Orchard" (the Orchard being farther north) had been used for a number of years during the twenties and thirties, since the town about 1839 bought a new burying ground (Woodlawn).

The father of George A. Bettcher, now of North Liberty, Indiana, was sexton of Woodlawn cemetery during the forties. While he was sexton he was hired by persons who had friends and relatives buried in the old Indian graveyard along the river bank to remove the bodies to the new plot. He had several helpers, and they removed quite a number. When the canal was dug along the west side of the Indian burial ground, many bones were exposed.

In the old cemetery but four headstones remained in 1880, and only two with legible inscriptions—Stephen Law, died in 1839, and Polly C. Buchanan, November 22, 1828.

A public water supply became a subject for discussion and action in Terre Haute at an earlier period than in most cities. In 1838 Curtis Gilbert and T. A. Madison were made a committee to procure a survey

Cemeteries (WU) - Indian Orchard

Old Burying Ground on North Water Street Had Not Been Used Since Woodlawn Was Bought in 1839

THE digging up of skulls and skeletons by the workmen engaged in making excavations for the foundations for the new American Can company building on Water street just below the Pennsylvania railroad tracks, calls attention to the use of that portion of the city as a burying ground in the early history of the city. When the Terre Haute company laid out the city in 1816 and placed its lots on sale, it dedicated special lots for specific purposes. These included the present court house square, the site of the original Asbury church at Fourth and Wabash, and the ground for burying purposes on Water street. A map of the city made a few years afterward shows these dedications, as it shows the in-lots extending from the river east to Fifth street, running from Oak to Eagle, and in abstract descriptions are known as "inlots of the original Town now City of Terre Haute." This map shows the out-lots platted as far east as Seventh street, which was then known as the "county road." There were no subdivided lots east of Fifth street at that time.

The Water street burying ground was known as the "Indian orchard," although this seems to have been a misnomer, as the ground thus described is said to have been located further north on the banks of the river. It was not exclusively used as a burying ground because of its inaccessibility. The ground on Ohio street near Sixth, the present site of the First Congregational church and the Root store, was used for this purpose, and when the old postoffice building, now known as the Beach building, was erected, remains similar to those discovered this week at the Water street site were dug up in making ready for the foundation of the building.

The Water street ground was used as a public burying ground until 1839 when the town authorities bought the present Woodlawn cemetery, which has been in use ever since, although practically all the lots for sale were exhausted many years ago. When this land was purchased the sexton of the new cemetery was hired by many who had friends and relatives buried on Water street to remove the bodies to the new plot. The headstones at the old ground were gradually removed or destroyed by the action of the elements and the last legible ones known to have been there were those of Stephen Law, who died in 1839, and Polly Buchanan, who died in 1828. When the old Wabash & Erie canal was dug along the west side of the old burying ground many bones were exposed.

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advertised to play at their place the two nights on which he gave our people "Rip Van Winkle."

When Frank Ryan arrived at the state prison the first delicacy for which he called was quail on toast. He has a weakness for such food.

The committee on street lamps reported the cost per lamp to the council at $10 per lamp, instead of $40, as stated in The Express yesterday.

A couple of fellows had a regular knock down about six o'clock yesterday evening on the corner of Fourth and Ohio streets. No arrests.

There is a calendar in circulation that gives November thirty-one days, and it has caused several knock-downs in this otherwise peaceful community.

There are no less than twenty-five men in the penitentiary from this county, who threaten to kill the officers who arrested them when they get out.

A rabbit trap has been set by a boy in the south part of the city for six nights in succession, and found to contain a rabbit each successive morning. Lucky boy.

Luther Gilmore, deputy United States Marshal, has closed nine different business houses under the bankrupt law within the past two weeks in this vicinity.

A Fourth street man tried to put a head on another fellow who "looked like him," yesterday, not thinking the resemblance an honor. He did not succeed.

All the valuables belonging to the Fifth street opera company, were seized last night upon an execution at the suit of one of the company to whom a sum of $200 is due.

E. M. Gilman has eighty-six men at work on the line of the T. H. & C. R. R., getting out staves. Forty-five are at work making barrels here, not including those in the factory.

A careless dry goods clerk left a paper of pins on a stool in front of the counter yesterday, and the lady who came in and sat down on them, says they are sharper than "Marshall Splinters."

The little boy who has received a rotten potato in his stocking for three Christmas days in succession, has thrown out some strong hints to his father, that it is getting "too thin."

While the Knights of Pythias were standing on the Vandalia platform yesterday afternoon, in full uniform, a lady seeing them, stepped up to one of them and inquired: "Are you fellows going to Cuba?"

The banner Sunday school of this vicinity is in the county about two miles from the city where an average attendance of three hundred each Sabbath has been secured during the fall up to the present time.

The Kellog troupe will appear on the night of the 25th, in "Faust," and the next evening in "Lucia de Lammermoor," both of which operas will require the full troupe. Paige & Co. will sell tickets at their store.

An enthusiastic school boy smashed his slate over a companion's head, yesterday, and being asked what he did it for, replied that he was trying to work out the problem—whether the young man had any brains or not.

A. H. Hoult, J. K. Lindley, Rockville; Wm. Clark, Evansville; M. S. Stokes, Philadelphia; H C. Brown, Henry Daniels, Rockville; S. T. Powell, superintendent state revenue.

Buntin: J. L. Hallowell, Indianapolis; R. J. Askin, and daughter, Martinsville; Chas. Dobson and wife were registered there in the morning, but left for the south in the afternoon, where they will play several engagements for which they are now billed.

National: H. G. Preston, Greencastle; P. Y Hutch, Indianapolis; Ben. Dodge, Chicago; Geo. B. Dunlap, Pittsburg, Pa.; J. R. Warkman, Mattoon; Ed. O. Doxy, Indianapolis, A. Gus. Walker, Paris, Ill.; O. H. Mark, J. W. Barber, Phillip Euber, Evansville.

Chicago Times: Governor Beveridge has appointed Judge James Steele, of Edgar county, to fill the vacancy in the railroad and warehouse commission caused by the death of H. D. Cook. The new appointee was judge of the Edgar county circuit court for four years, and is spoken of as a man of good ability and character.

THE OLD GRAVE YARD.

The old Indian grave yard, so-called, presents a melancholy spectacle. It is now the play ground of scores of boys. Pieces of the tombstones are strewn over the yard. There are two tombstones standing, the inscriptions upon which can be read; nothing but the post pieces of two others remain; one grave is marked only by a piece of rotten wood, and one stone lies in the hollow west of the old burying place. Upon one of the post pieces of the two graves from which the head-pieces are gone, is inscribed: "R. H. M; New York." The stone lying in the hollow has this upon it, as near as it can be read: "In memory of Elizabeth B Probst, who departed this life, March 1st, 1834, aged one year, three months and 86 days." One of those standing has the following: "In memory of Polly G., first wife of Joseph R. Buchanan, who died November 22, 1828, aged 28 years and 13 months." The other one standing bears this inscription: "Sacred to the memory of Stephen Law, who died January 31st, 1832, in the 65th year of his age." There are, no doubt, many other graves in the lot, but there is nothing that shows the resting place of their dead. The tall weeds grow rank about the weather-beaten stones, and green moss nearly obscures some letters of the inscriptions The oldest grave, according to its inscription, is forty-five years old. Yesterday there were some boys at play among the grim old stones, and one of them told how his father, while at some work in the hollow, had found the bones of an Indian squaw, with some beads, a bow and arrow and some other articles. Time and the boys have given the old place an appearance of dilapidation.

MRS. PARKIS AND HOW SHE CHASTISES THAT YOUTH.

That boy of Jones' has long been an eye-sore to Mrs. Parkis. He has stolen her chickens, chased her ducks, and drowned her cats. Every day some new depredation bore witness to the fact that young Jones had been there. Yesterday she determined to stand it no longer, and accordingly stationed her hired man in one end of the yard, while she stood at the window, ready to rush out upon the hapless youth, broomstick in hand. Now young Jones "smelt the battle from afar off," and prepared to encounter the foe. After reconnoitering for a few minutes, his plan of action was taken, and he retreated. He then did around to the house of another boy, who was a great favorite with the old lady, and asked him to go over to Mrs. Parki's place, and see some beautiful chickens, which the old lady had been buying, stoutly asserting that it was [illegible]

funded to the proper persons. This request should have been made long since. It was delayed to obtain the consent of D. C. Jackson, the contractor, who had agreed to take the taxes as partial payment for the building of the road. His letter is herewith respectfully submitted.

W. B. TUELL, Pres't.

The board ordered the tax to be refunded.

An order was made requesting the printing of blanks, books and stationery to be given to the lowest bidder until further orders.

Board adjourned sine die.

RAILROAD NEWS.

The I. & St. L. had two eastern extras, yesterday.

The Paris & Danville railroad has been leased to the I. B. & W. railroad.

U. S. mail car No. 16, of the Vandalia, is out of the shops, after being revarnished, as good as new.

A special train on the E. & C. road, made up principally of cotton, came in from the south yesterday. Transfered to the Vandalia.

The project of a bridge over the E. & C., crossing on Ohio street, will probably occasion a good deal of discussion. Some favor it, others do not.

A hog at the Vandalia stock yards, yesterday, weighed 890 pounds. It was purchased by Jerry Voris, from a gentleman named John Dayton.

Two old passenger conductors, John Arnold, and Porter, of the I. & St. L., resigned yesterday. J. T. Miner and H W. McClure, fill their places.

Conductor Wm. Hibbert, of the Vandalia, known among the "boys" by the title of "Comanche Bill," took out a train of thirty seven cars, for the east, yesterday evening.

The C. & T. H. R. R. had a wonderfully heavy passenger trip down and back yesterday, and to-day it will probable require a couple of way cars to take down the local freight.

A fellow who wanted to go to Alton, yesterday convinced the ticket agent that he knew where the place is by adducing as proof the fact that he had been there ten years in the penitentiary.

The Vandalia yards presented a lively scene, yesterday. Seven cars of hogs were brought in from the east, for the city; one train of stock was sent east; four trains of merchandise were sent out, and two trains of coal came in from the mining regions.

RIVER NEWS.

The Young America got off for below yesterday, with an excellent freight trip. She also took out twenty passengers, and will take up thirty more at York, There is a masonic celebration of some kind at Hutsonville, and the York party goes there.

A huge drift floated down the river yesterday afternoon, striking the Alton bridge, where it lodged. Doc. Breeann and George Anthony, of the I. & St. L. road cleared it away. In the progress of the work, Anthony fell into the river, and would have had a hard time of it had he not been able to get hold of a rope hanging down from the bridge. As it was, he escaped with a severe ducking.

Social and Supper at Asbury

The ladies of this church will give an elegant supper on Tuesday evening, December 23d. There will also be a table for the display and sale of useful and fancy articles, suitable for Christmas presents.

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Four loads of home grown watermelons were on Watermelon corner, yesterday.

The new hoop factory has solved the problem of what to do with the old pork house.

Daily & Pinder filed bonds in the sum of $2,500, yesterday, for street improvements.

There is a prospect of the formation of another brass band composed of colored people.

The grave stones in the old graveyard south of the Vandalia bridge have all disappeared.

The city flouring mills are running day and night, and turning out a large quantity of flour.

If the name of the "McKeen Cadets" is changed it will probably be to "McKeen Rifles."

J. H. Clatteltter will remove his store to a room opposite the postoffice, on the 1st of September.

Bloomington avenue, beyond the [illegible] is one of the pleasantest

Mrs. Sauer, the lady injured day evening's runaway, is

Sam Hamill returned from trip to Paris and Marshall,

Jerry Baxter, who has been Wm. Mack, left yesterday York.

Miss Virginia Thompson Monday from a short visi ville, Ind.

Perry Westfall, editor of in New York, and makes d the beach.

Col. R. W. Thompson an Harry, left for New York afternoon.

Marshall Herald: Mrs. Lee, of Terre Haute, is visi in the city.

Sullivan Democrat: Hughes, of Terre Haute, s in Sullivan.

Miss Nellie Staub has re an extended trip to the s of the state.

Miss Annie Warren we apolis yesterday to visit Tarkington.

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2 Vigo Co Cemeteries

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Cemetery Commission Will Mark Indian Burial Site

What is probably the oldest cemetery site in Vigo County will be formally marked at ceremonies planned for July 4, by the Vigo County Cemetery Commission and officials of the local Pillsbury plant.

The Commission, working in cooperation with the Vigo County Historical Society, the Daughters of the American Revolution, Fort Harrison Chapter, Fort Harrison American Legion Post No. 40, and Robert L. DeMunck, Pillsbury plant manager, has made plans to mark the site of the old Indian Orchard Burying Ground located at the present site of Pillsbury's visitor parking lot.

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The site was used as the burying ground of the Wea Indian tribe which had its village, Ouiateno, where the Terre Haute Water Works pumping plant is located.

Ralph Courtney, a member of the Cemetery Commission and vice president of the Historical Society, will present a history of the burying ground and the legend of Nemo and Lena that explains how the orchard happended to be planted there.

The historical marker will honor a soldier of the American Revolution, Pvt. Jonathan Kniffin, believed to have been buried at the site. Mrs. Robert I. Clark, president of the Cemetery Commission and also a member of the Historical Society, will give a short resume of the soldier's career.

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The placement of the marker was arranged by DeMunck, who is the newly - appointed chairman of the Tourism and Recreation Committee of the Terre Haute Area Chamber of Commerce. The marker will be situated on the bank of the Wabash River at the west edge of the parking lot and will be visible to travelers on U.S. 41 from the intersection of Third and Sycamore Streets.

Mrs. John G. Biel has arranged the unveiling ceremony.

The Indian Orchard Burying Ground is one of the stops on the historical tours taken each year by hundreds of county school children and scout groups. Historical Society officials are hopeful other markers will be placed at historical sites throughout the city and county.

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Cemetery Records - Vigo Co Cemeteries

Cemetery Commission Adds Data to Old Vigo Burials

Tribune-Star 7-21-74

By DOROTHY J. CLARK
Tribune Woman's Editor

Cemeteries were established in Vigo County as early as 1811 (at Fort Harrison), but it was not until the 1930's that a major effort was made to record the locations of all these pioneer graveyards.

The Fort Harrison Chapter DAR members and the late A. R. Markle took on the job of copying tombstone inscriptions, and mapping out the locations and legal descriptions of the old burials. The completed work was compiled into a volume placed in the public and historical society libraries.

The Vigo County Cemetery Commission has been slowly adding to the information gathered forty years ago, and several changes and additions have been made.

In 1959, information came from Mrs. Raymond H. (Sandra) Johnston about a cemetery located directly east of the former Tumpane picnic grounds on land behind the Johnston's home in dense woods. She had spotted a large tombstone enclosed by an iron fence with the gate inscribed: "Jackson Cemetery—1870". She believed the marked graves outside the fence were not members of the Jackson family.

Just recently, an ISU student majoring in history, Miss Tamara Chaney, became interested in the old graveyard in the northeastern section of Harrison township, and carefully copied all tombstone inscriptions in the Jackson Cemetery.

She researched the land records and abstract for the property and found that Samuel Jackson deeded the land involved to Jacob Jackson in 1830. The administrators of Samuel's estate in 1842 were Jacob, John R., and Henry.

The earliest burial that was still marked with a tombstone was that of Louisa, wife of J. R. Jackson, who died June 11, 1831, aged 31 years. Their three-month-old daughter, Louisa V., was buried with the mother.

The large Jackson monument marks the graves of Jacob Jackson and his wife Mary (both were born in 1809, died in 1876, at the age of 67 years and their six children recorded as Barbara A., 1832, aged 2 months; L. Emeline, 1834-1851, aged 18 years; Mary C., 1837-1852, aged 15 years; L. D., 1839-1872, aged 33 years; Jacob R., 1841-1870, aged 29 years; and Addie, 1845-1852, aged 7 years.

When Jacob died in 1876, his heirs were Caroline Preston, wife of Irving V. Preston; Emeline Armstrong, wife of William P., and Jacob Jackson, a minor child.

The relationship to the Jackson family, if any, remains unknown of Andrew Keys whose tombstone tells of his death in 1863, aged 28, "in the service of his country."

Contemporaries of the Jackson children were William Henderson whose stone is inscribed: "Died Nov. 1, 1870, aged 39 years "Beloved husband thou hast left me, But 'tis God that hast bereft us, He all our sorrows can heal," and Oren Henderson who died Sept. 1841, aged 13 years. Their relationship, if any, to the Jackson clan is also unknown.

One stone has only one legible name "Rebecca", while another footstone has initials "J.W.N." Two stones are broken off with their inscriptions completely weathered away.

Jackson Cemetery

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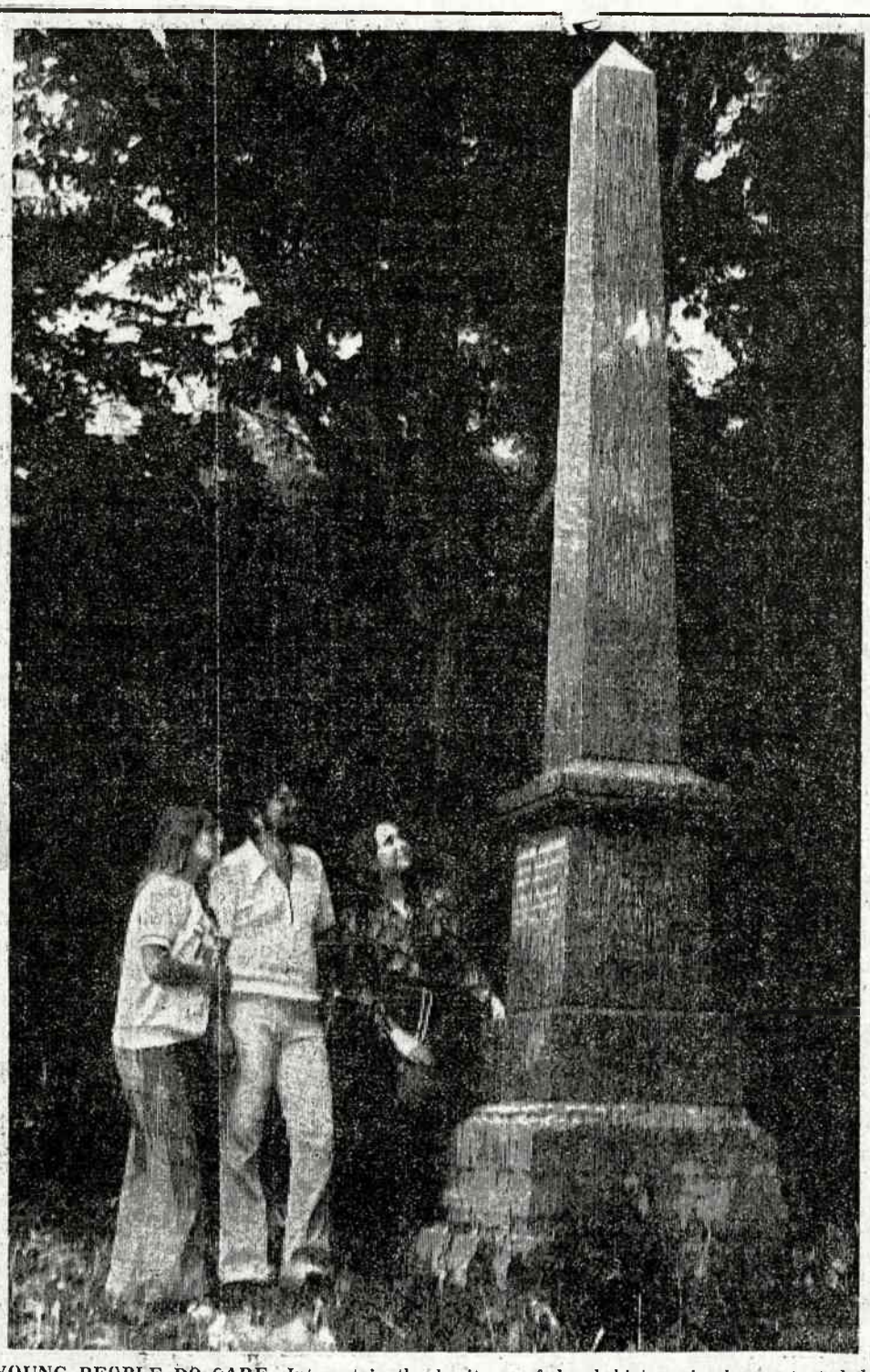

YOUNG PEOPLE DO CARE—Interest in the heritage of local history is demonstrated by Tamara Chaney, right; her sister Lisa Chaney Hopp and Bill Hopp who paused in cleaning operations at Jackson Cemetery to admire an old monument. Miss Chaney has been engaged in research of the cemetery's history in connection with studies at Indiana State University and concern for the pioneer cemetery established about 1830. It is located east of the former Tumpane picnic grounds. House of Photography Photo.

KESSLER CEMETERY

SE ¼ Section 24, T13N, R8W
GPS: Latitude 39. 55 42 6 N / Longitude -87. 24 27 4 W
Nevins Township
Not on any list / #131
Land originally owned by M. H. KESSLER

This cemetery is northeast of Terre Haute, Nevins Township, Vigo County, Indiana, northwest of the intersection of Stewart Road and Miami Garden Road. It is about a mile north of Ermendale Road, turn west, just across bridge before the curve. Opening in fence on the north side with path going north, follow that path to the second hill to the left (west), about 200 yards, on top of that hill. There is a concrete wall with a a steel gate. Dates in ( ) are calendar configured.

DNR Survey: NONE
WVGS Survey: September 2007 / John Wheeler

Last	First	Middle	Maiden	DOB	DOD	Notes
Brunemer	Minnie	A	Rhodes	(1860)	1922 Oct 09	wife of Joseph R / 62yr
Kessler	Eliza		Rardin	1811 Dec 18	1868 Jan 14	1st wife of Simeon / marr 13 Nov 1828
Kessler	Martin	VanBuren		1837 Dec	1925 Feb 21	
Sanders	Kate			1863	1932 Jul 15	

KEIGER (FISHER) CEMETERY

In February 2005 Jay W. Dennis of 9700 U.S. Hwy 41 North came into Special Collections and was wanting to know about the history of a very small cemetery located on his farm in the extreme south-central part of section 11 of Otter Creek Twp. It is near Payne Road, on a low hill overlooking the remnants of the former Wabash and Erie Canal and the Wabash River to the west, which was closed recently by the Vigo County commissioners.

Many years ago there were a dozen or so tombstones at this cemetery but these began to disappear so Mr. Dennis took the remaining stones and laid them on the ground so that would-be vandals on Payne didn't even realize there was an old cemetery there.

In 1980 when V. Wilhoit and N. Eddy compiled Vol. 1 of Cemeteries, Vigo County, Indiana p. 62 calls this the Fisher Cemetery because an infant son of J. R. Fisher apparently died in 1836 and is buried there. This stone is partly illegible. A William Justice is also buried here. He died July 8, 1835 aged 21 yrs. 7 mo 8 da.

Page 51 of Vol. 1 calls this the Keiger (Fishers) Cemetery. However, there isn't any record of any Keigers buried here but the Keiger family owned land close by in the late 1800's so perhaps that is why the Keiger name has been connected to this small cemetery.

A. R. Markle's c. 1950 Vigo County Cemetery book calls this cemetery #42 but no one is listed as being interred in Cemetery 42 so apparently Keiger (Fisher) was in poor condition even in 1950.

Wm. Justus
D. 7 – 18 – 35
Age 21yr. 7 mo. 18 da.
Stone in Keiger Cemetery.
Records say he is buried at Terre Haute Burying Grounds. ??

Infant J. R. Fisher
D. 1836

LYONS CEMETERY- OTTER CREEK TWP. #41

Half a mile south of the Keiger (Fisher) Cemetery is the very old Lyons Cemetery. It is near the center of Section 14 (Township 13N and Range 9W). It is in the extreme (in 2005) western part of Northwood Subdivision.

It is very difficult to see as it is located in a small grove of trees and undergrowth and behind two homes that are relatively new. Only when one enters the undergrowth can the outline of a cedar post and nail fence be seen. The fence delineates a rectangular area that is the Lyons Cemetery. Because the trees cast a heavy shade the weeds aren't too rampant and various tombstones can be seen even though they are lying on the ground.

Jay W. Dennis said he owned half of the Lyons Cemetery. His compiled list of those buried at the Lyons Cemetery includes:

Chenoweth, Eli
D. 3 – 12 – 1845 56 yr. 11 mo. 22 da.

Chenoweth, John
D. 2 – 27 – 1850 27 yr. 9 mo. 19 da.

Lyons, Jerusha.
D. 9 – 22 – 1818 2 yr. 8 mo. 27 da.

*Lyons, George W.
D. 8 – 9 – 1825 2 mo. 14 da.

Ragon, Eli

Ragon, Sarah
D. 11 – 21 – 1853 26 yr. 5 mo. 2 da.

Rogers, L. (w. Rose Anna)
D. 1 – 19 – 1853 38 yr. 8 mo. 27 da.

Rogers, Rose Anna
D. 8 – 19 – 1849 32 yr. 7 mo. 8 da.

*Rogers, David H.
D 1 – 19 – 1855 36 yr. 3 mo. 1 da.

Rogers, Lewis (w. Sarah)
D 3 – 6 – 1838 58 yr. 1 mo. 4 da.

Rogers, Sarah
D. 2 – 22 – 1825 40 yr. 10 mo. 14 da.

Rogers, William
D. 3 – 10 – 1845 27 yr. 4 mo. 5 da.

Sherwin, James
B. 1787 New Jersey

D. 11 – 9 – 1836 48 yr.

(*) name not included on Jay W. Dennis' list of (2005) extant tombstones, but included in A. R. Markle's "Cemetery Records of Vigo County, Including All Born Prior to 1830, That Lived to Maturity."

CEM. #41 (LYONS)

CHENOWETH, ELI
D. 2-12-1845 56Y. 11M. 22D.

CHENOWETH, JOHN
D. 2-27-1850 27Y. 9M. 19D.

LYONS, JERUSHA
D. 9-22-1818 2Y 8M. 27D.

*LYONS, GEORGE W. d. Aug. 9, 1825 aged → 2m. 14d.

RAGON, ELI ?

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D. 11-21-1853 26Y. 5M. 2D.

ROGERS, L (W. ROSE ANNA)
D. 1-19-1853 A. 38Y 8M. 27D.

ROGERS, ROSE ANNA
D. 8-19-1849 32Y 7M. 8D.

ROGERS, LEWIS (W. SARAH)
D. 3-6-1838 58Y. 1M. 4D.

" " SARAH
D. 2-22-1825 40Y. 10M. 14D.

ROGERS, WM.
D. 3-10-1845 27Y 4M. 5D.

TERRE HAUTE BURYING GROUND

WM. JUSTUS
D. 7-8-1835 A. 21Y. 7Mo 18D.
STONE IN KEIGER CEM.
RECORDS SAY HE IS BURIED AT T. HAUTE BURYING GROUNDS ?

CEM #42 (KEIGER)

WM. JUSTUS
D 7-18-35

INFANT J.R. FISHER

→ also *ROGERS, DAVID H.
d. JAN. 19, 1855
aged 36y. 3m. 1d.

CEM. #41

SHERWIN, JAMES
B. 1787 NEW JERSEY
D. 11-9-1836 48Y.

* - a name, not included on Jay N. Dennis' list of extant (2005) tombstones but included in A.R. Markle's "Cemetery Records of Vigo Co. Including All Born Prior to

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Mc Clintock Cemetery - Nevins twp

Cemetery Is Located

By DOROTHY J. CLARK (May 3, 1963)

After walking about a quarter of a mile south, up and down a narrow lane off the Toney Road (45E) in Nevins township, Vigo county, about a mile west of Fontanet, you come upon the almost-forgotten McClintock cemetery. The spelling varies, and sometimes is found "McClintick."

I'm not very accurate when it comes to measuring plots of ground (my stride never seems to "step off" the right number of feet!), but I'd estimate this graveyard to be about 150 feet square.

Dorothy Clark

Located on Hutchinson property, the old cemetery is neatly fenced, the county officials see that it's mowed because of the old soldiers buried there, and most of the thirty-some tombstones are still legible. Some of the earliest stones have weathered so badly that they were removed by the mowers, but a record of one of them is still in existence.

I first learned of this early graveyard from local attorney Bert F. Wood, a descendant of some of the pioneers buried there. Tilghman and Rebecca (Grider) High, natives of Kentucky, come to Vigo county in 1830 and settled in the wild woods on Section 24 in Nevins township where he cleared two hundred acres.

Rebecca's father, Jacob Grider, was a soldier in the Revoluntionary War. He lived to be 99 years old and is buried near Greencastle.

Rebecca is buried in McClintock cemetery, but her tombstone inscription has disappeared. Mr. Wood has a snapshot of his ancestress tombstone which reads: "Rebecca, wife of Tilghman High, died Oct. 11, 1856, aged 49 years."

DAR Project.

One of the national projects of the DAR has been to properly mark the graves of real daughters, whose fathers actually fought in the war. Here is a project for the local chapter of this patriotic organization.

At least four Civil War veterans are buried here. Sgt. McClintock and J. C. Grigdle served in Company D, Forty-third Indiana. Sgt. Wm. Wood served in Company C, Eighty-fifth Indiana Infantry. Stephen B. Fox served in Company E, Sixth Indiana Cavalry.

Part of the story of the pioneer Summerville family can be read in the row of tombstones. The earliest birthdate found in this cemetery was that of Samuel Summerville, who died in 1867, aged 64.

Two stones each with a carved hand showing the forefinger pointing up to Heaven recorded the deaths of Samuel's sons — William (1847-1874) and David D. (1841-1867). Azel F. Summerville died in 1846, aged 11 years. Margaret, daughter of S. and J. Summerville, died in 1853 aged 10 years. George, another son, died in 1855, aged 22 years.

Willis Beauchamp died in 1870 at the age of 37 years. His infant and son, Henry, died in 1865, aged 2 years. A reclining lamb is carved on the top of this stone marker.

Revealing Inscription.

The group of tombstones in the Ellingsworth family plot tell another story. Decorated with a carving of the Pearly Gates standing wide open and the inscription: "She faltered by the wayside and the angels took her home," is the marker of Eunice Ellingsworth who died at the age of 31 in 1897.

Next to this stone is one marking the grave of Cynthia Ann, wife of Miles Ellingsworth, who died in 1875 at the age of 43 years. The poem on this stone is weathered beyond reading.

Then I copied the tombstone of Edna J., daughter of Miles and Eunice Ellingsworth, who died in 1896, aged 6. A calla lilly was on top.

To finish this two-family grouping was the stone of Thomas M., son of Miles E Eunice Ellingsworth who died in 1879, aged 18.

A thirteen-day-old infant of E. S. and M. C. Stuthard died in 1874. A carved rosebud and the inscription—

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"Suffer little children to come unto me"—identified this stone.

The little family of William and A. E. Grindle are buried in a row. Moses V. and Laura A., aged eight months and three years, both died in 1876. Nathan E. died the next year at the age of six.

The following poem was carved on the tombstone of Grizzelle N. Willey, daughter of W. C. and E. Cary Willey, who died in 1861 at the age of 21 years:

" 'Tis finished, the conflict is past,
The Heavenborn spirit is fled;
Her wish is accomplished at last,
And now she's in tune with the dead."

The usual carved hand with the finger pointing to Heaven had the added words: "Onward and Upward."

Near the government marker of the Civil War veteran Stephen B. Fox was another family tombstone with a dove carved on top. The inscription on this stone was: "Stephen B. Fox (1844-1901) age 57. Sarah Fox (1857-1927) age 69." This appears to be the most recent burial in this cemetery.

Although the pioneer Samuel S. McGranahan took up land near this cemetery, I could find only one tombstone with that name on it. Cynthia A., wife of J. S. McGranahan, died in 1897, aged 30 years. Her large stone column is overturned. Others of this family are buried at nearby Sulphur Springs cemetery.

Clarissa, wife of John M. Reeves, died in 1863, aged 55 years. Her small footstone bears the carved initials "C. B."

Stephen Harpold, who died in 1879 at the age of 24, is buried here.

I found the tombstone of Tilghman High, who died in 1878 at the age of 72 years, and his second wife, Harriet Peters Wood (she was a widow when he married her), who died in 1896, aged 71 years.

Back in 1840 Abraham McGranahan married Martha McClintock. This explains the tie between the two families and why they're buried in the same cemetery.

John M. McClintock (1839-1899) is buried near James M. McClintock (1826-1902). The same initials make the other tombstone inscriptions very confusing. Bertha M., daughter of J. M. and K. A. McClintock died at the age of 20 years. Martha E., wife of J. M. McClintock, died in 1881 at the age of 53 years. She has another tombstone with the same information, clasped hands and an illegible poem.

Ida Bertha, wife of C. W. McClintock, was buried in 1924 at the age of 39 years. Their eight-year-old son, Robert Earl, was buried in 1918.

Others of this family buried here, that still have tombstones are William R., son of J. M. and M. E. McClintock (1850-1872), and Ura M., son of J. H. and (illegible) McClintock (1898-1900). "Blessed are the early dead."

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Historical Society Gets Mine Complaint

Cemeteries - Vigo Co

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A citizen's complaint about a coal company destroying a cemetery in Riley Township will be heard, according to Dorothy Clark, Vigo County Cemetery Commissioner and secreatry of the Vigo County Historical Society.

At a meeting of the society Thursday evening, the citizen, Leland Hults, 71, reported that McGill Cemetery is about to be destroyed by the Ayrshire Coal Company in a strip-mining operation.

Hults brought to the meeting photostatic copies from the county surveyor and abstract office which he said proved that the cemetery exists in the northeast quarter, section one of Riley Township.

Reportedly, the Ayrshire firm has told Hults, no cemetery exists at that location.

Mrs. Clark said that the society will investigate the complaint, before it is presented to the cemetery commission and the Vigo County Commissioners.

In other business before the society, president Ralph J. Courtney appointed two committees. Serving on the auditing committee will be Dr. W. O. Shriner, Robert I. Clark, and Byron L. Brown.

Named to the nominating committee were Dr. Donald Scheick, Wayne Miller and Mrs. Norman Libbert. That group will report to the annual meeting Jan. 20 with the names of four new directors to serve three year terms.

Guest speaker for the evening was Dr. Richard Gemmecke, associate to the vice president for academic affairs and research professor at Indiana State University. His topic was "The Month of December—80 Years Ago in Indiana."

Mc Gill Cemetery

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TRY TO SETTLE DIFFERENCES—Representatives of the Ayrshire Coal Co. met with the Vigo County Cemetery Commissioners recently to try and settle the controversy surrounding the strip mining to take place around the Scofield-Turner and Mewhinney Cemeteries. Standing are representatives of the coal company, Bernard Young, Vice President in charge of Surface Mining, and Jack Fowler, attorney. Sitting are: Ralph Courtney, cemetery commissioner, Harry Brentlinger, Vigo County Commissioner; Mrs. Dorothy Clark, cemetery commissioner, and Mrs. Wayne Livengood, cemetery commissioner. Other cemetery commissioners not present were John Daniel and Robert Power.

Photo By House of Photography.

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Assurances Given County On Cemetery Preservation

Official concern for three old cemeteries near the Vigo-Clay County line, reported threatened by area coal stripping operations appeared to be lessening this week.

Repeated denials from one coal mining firm of any plans to strip through any cemetery property were declared during the time since the reported concern a few weeks ago.

They were repeated last Friday night following a meeting of the Vigo County Cemetery Commission at the Historical Society Museum. Officials of Ayrshire Collieries attended a post-meeting discussion of the cemetery question in which assurances of the mining company's determination to preserve old cemeteries were given.

Harry P. Brentlinger, member of the Vigo County Board of Commissioners, also attended the meeting and asked for written assurance which he said is expected before a hearing is held on a petition to vacate a road bordering one of the three old cemeteries near Ayrshire operations.

The first public expression of concern came from the Vigo County Cemetery Commission following the report that a petition had been filed to vacate a road near the Mewhinney Cemetery.

Mrs. Dorothy Clark, president of the five-member cemetery commission, voiced that concern and reports in local media sparked public attention.

Currently, she advises that the matter also sparked renewed interest in the old cemeteries on the part of some of the families of people buried there. At least one group is reorganizing to provide for improved maintenance of the old burial ground, Mrs. Clark reports.

Meanwhile, the hearing date on the petition to close the Urden Rd. remains to be set by the Board of County Commissioners.

The other cemeteries noted in the initial concern were the Scofield-Turner Cemetery, north of the Mewhinney Cemetery, and the Donham Cemetery to the south. The exact location of the Donham Cemetery has been reported uncertain, although a veterans' group is said to have found it on mine-owned property.

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Cemeteries (Vigo Co.)

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TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

October 25, 1973

To: Friends, Persons Interested in Mewhinney Cemetary Association

Each of your names has been furnished to me as a result of correspondence, research, and conversations concerning the Mewhinney Burying Ground and the Mewhinney Cemetary Association which have taken place since November, 1971. Many of you who are receiving this letter were present at a meeting which was held at the Vigo County Historical Society in November, 1971, and those of you who were not present, your names have been furnised to us by Mr. William R. Rector, Mr. Hubert Mewhinney, Mrs. Hingerford, or Mr. Hults. The purpose of this correspondence is to advise you, being those persons interested in seeing that the Mewhinney Burying Grounds and the Mewhinney Cemetary are maintained as historical monuments in Vigo County, as well as seeing that the properties are maintained and beautified. Futhermore, there seem to be flagrant rumors running about, concerning the purchase of the ground by coal companies, payment of monies, and in order to set the record straight, we are sending this letter to each of you who are concerned.

For the benefit of those of you who are not fully familiar with the problems concerning the Mewhinney Cemetary Association, I should be able to enlighten you in a few short sentences. Originally Albert and Emeline Mewhinney deeded a parcel of ground which is located at the northeast corner of Light Road and Urden Road in Vigo County to the Mewhinney Cemetary Association, this happened in 1905. Subsequent thereto the Mewhinney Cemetary Association was incorporated for the purpose of platting and laying out this ground for a cemetary. In addition the ground which lies immediately to the west of this ten acres, which has been referred to as the Mewhinney Burying Grounds, was probably intended to be overseen by the Mewhinney Cemetary Association, but subsequent to 1905 the title to such grounds has passed through many hands, and ended up finally in a dissolved corporation, which had nothing to do with the Mewhinney Cemetary Association. As a result of the many changes in the corporate laws in the state of Indiana, the Mewhinney Cemetary Association, as it was originally conceived, no longer existed in 1970 as a corporation, and there were no Trustees or Directors who were legally appointed to do anything with the property.

why is our cemetary being called burying grounds

In 1973, pursuant to an order of the Vigo Circuit Court, the Secretary of State of Indiana, and as a result of the work of interested persons, the Mewhinney Cemetary Association was reincorporated in the state of Indiana as a non-profit corporation for the purpose of holding and maintaining the Mewhinney Cemetary located on the northeast corner of Light Road and Urden Road in Vigo County. Because of the title conflicts in the ground which is known as the Mewhinney Burying Ground, no disposition was made of that ground, and in the articles of incorporation, the persons who were to hold membership in the Mewhinney Cemetary Association, Inc., were to be those persons who were the heirs of the original five Directors.

Noble Rector and Trothers are the formed association. Why?

As the matter now stands, the Mewhinney Cemetary Association, Inc., is a non-profit corporation with five Trustees who are referred to as the members of the Board of Directors, and the President and a Secretary. These individuals are exercising a "Trust" over the ten acres which lies on the northeast corner of Urden Road and Light Road in Vigo County. In the near

future, certain income will come in to this non-profit corporation for the purposes of maintaining and beautifying this cemetary. The sources of income for the cemetary will consist of gifts, donations, leased payments, and the money will be used for maintenance purposes. Previous hereto the Township Trustee of Riley Township has been attempting to maintain both cemetaries on the east and west side of Light Road.

However, there is a desire, as well as need, that the Mewhinney Burying Ground be maintained and beautified with these funds also. Unfortunately, the Trustees of the Mewhinney Cemetary Association, Inc., cannot exercise any control over the Mewhinney Burying Grounds unless there is some legal authority to do so. The cost to obtain this legal authority by tracing the title of the ground and getting approval from all the heirs is exhorbitant, and is really not necessary. The purpose of this letter is to seek your advise, especially those of you who have ancestors lying in the Mewhinney Burying Ground, on what you would like to be done, and if you would like for funds which come in to the Mewhinney Cemetary Association, Inc., be used to beautify and maintain the Mewhinney Burying Ground.

we are afraid we will be tricked in signing our rights to the west part of the Mewhinney cemetary over to Noble Rector

In order that everyone interested in seeing that both the Mewhinney Cemetary and the Mewhinney Burying Ground are maintained, we are asking that you write to us, at the address below, and let us know first of all of any additional people that you might know who would be interested in either of the cemetaries, and secondly your thoughts as to what should be done and what can be done with the proper maintenance, care and beautification of the Mewhinney Burying Ground.

We would also like to have your thoughts on whether or not you would be interested in the Mewhinney Cemetary Association, Inc., having a change in its Articles of Incorporation so that a second type of membership would be available, to those persons interested in seeing that the cemetaries are maintained, and that this type of membership would be a non-voting on all corporate matters, but would be voting on those matters pertaining to the maintenance and beautification of the cemetaries.

Mr. Hubert Mewhinney has graciously furnished us with many of the old documents concerning the Mewhinney Cemetary Association, as well as with the family tree of the Mewhinney family, but we have no family tree on the Barr family, the Lynn family, and a rather sketchy one of both the family of C. P. Rector and John M. Rector. Any of you having knowledge of those two families, and any persons who are descendants of the same, we would appreciate receiving such information from you.

Once we have put together all of the comments from each of you, we will schedule a meeting at some proper location which is convenient for all of you, and at that time attempt to come to some conclusions concerning you thoughts.

we too are decendants

Very truly yours,

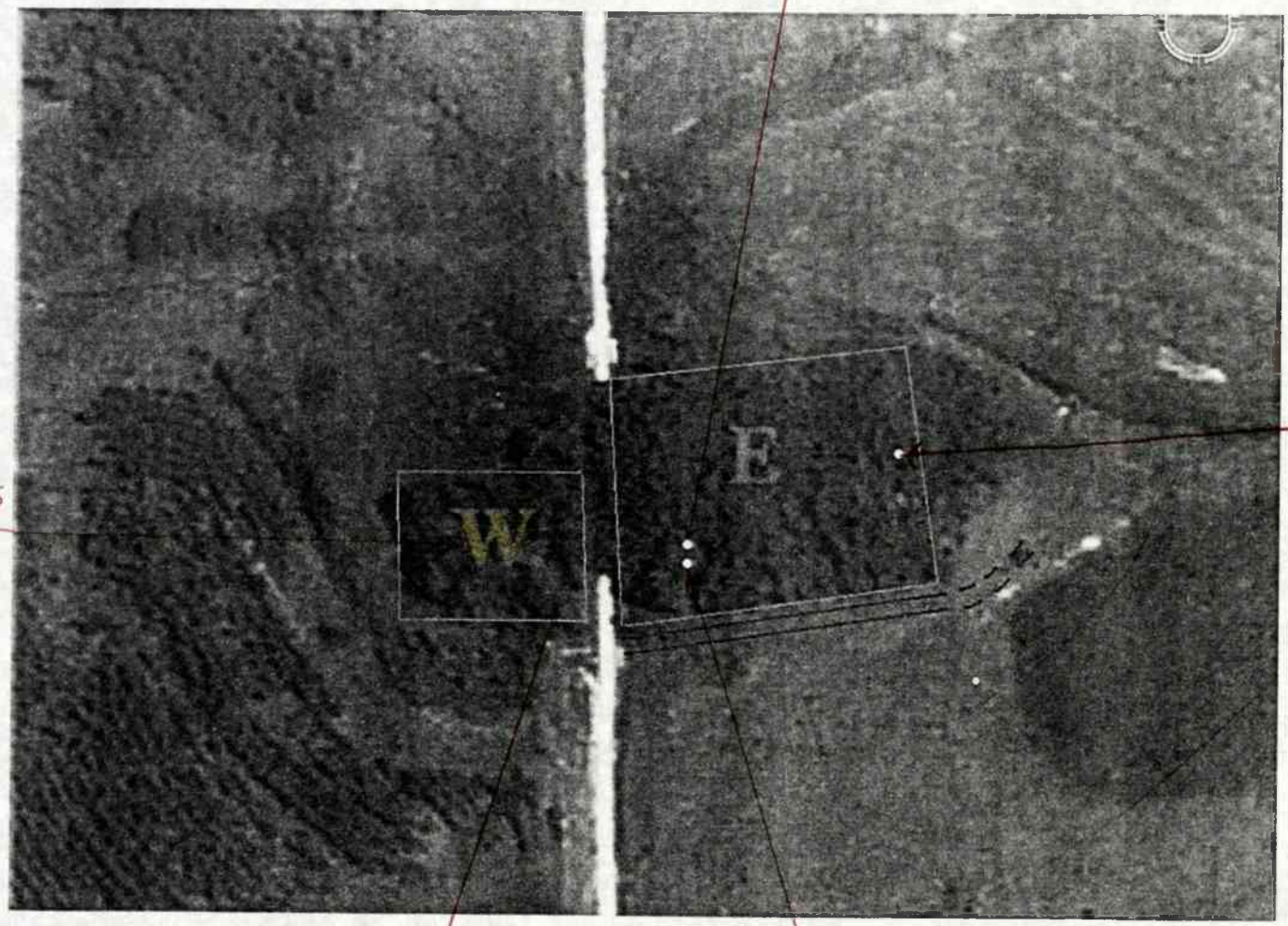
MEWHINNEY CEMETARY ASSOCIATION, INC.

Noble J. Rector
President

Please address all replies to:

Mewhinney Cemetary Association, Inc.
c/o Noble J. Rector
R. R. #2
Brazil, Indiana 47834

Aerial View of the Mewhinney Cemetery (Riley Twp., Sect. 1)



CHARLES VEST Tombstone

ONCE IMPRESSIVE MEWHINNEY MONUMENT (toppled now)

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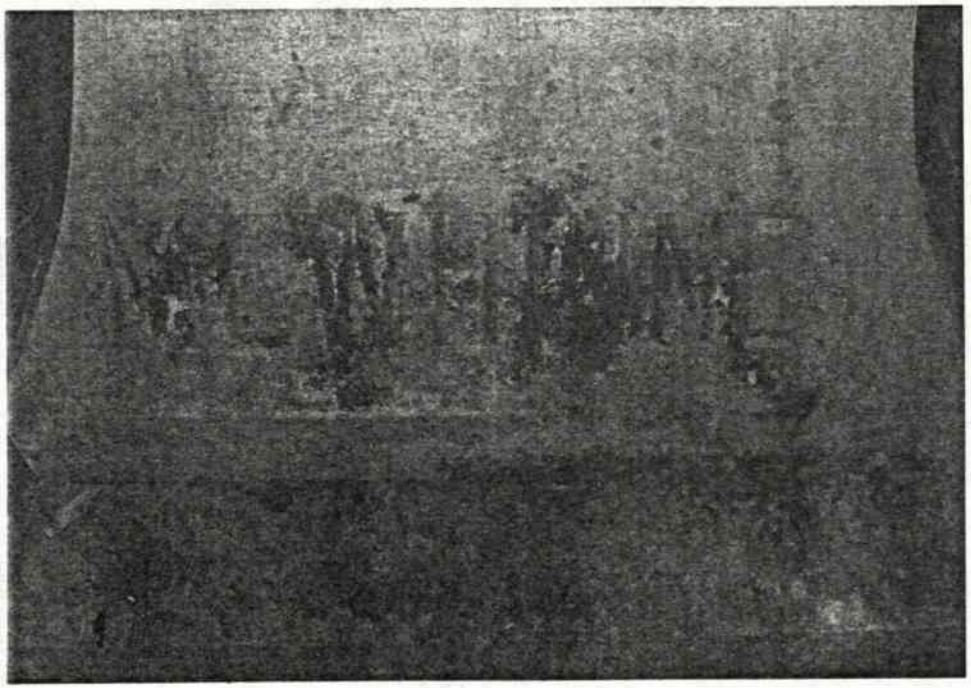
JAMES THURSTON GRAVE (1796-1874)

CLARK BROS. tombstone MAY 2003, MAY 2004



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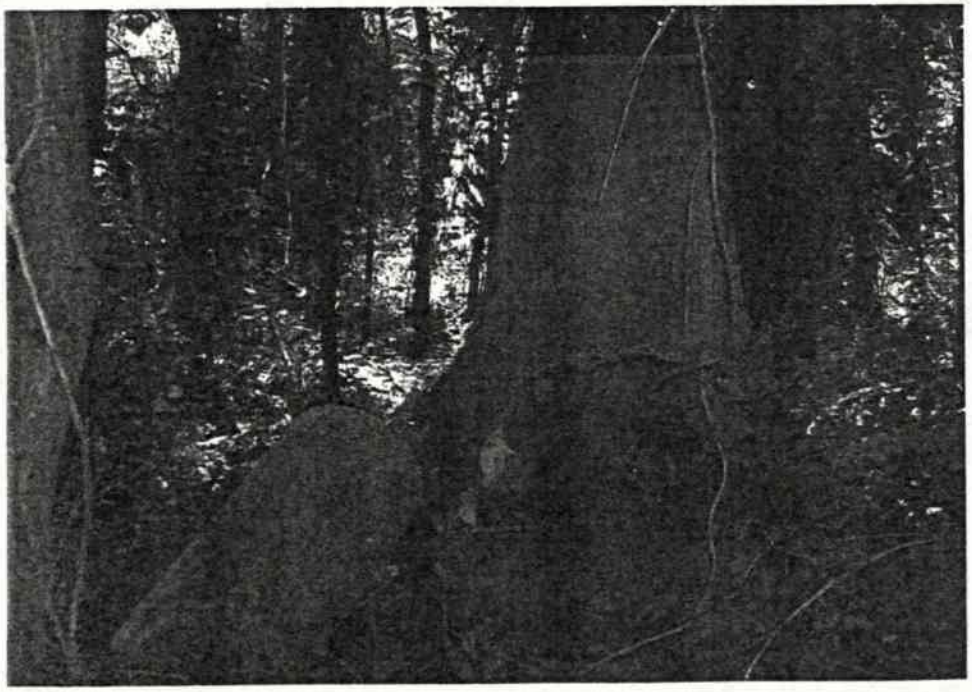

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NOTE: BOTH THE WEST and EAST SIDES of the MEWHINNEY CEM are surrounded by reclaimed coal mining areas

MARKLE CEMETERY

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Large surveyor's map of Markle Cemetery is in Map Drawer Cabinet.

Located in first section of drawers in the fourth drawer down, marked Uncatalogued and Unmounted.

(cemeteries (WV)

358 Cora Ave.
Lawrenceburg, Ind. 47025
Dec. 7, 1988

Mr. David Lewis
Genealogy Dept.
Vigo Co. Public Library
Terre Haute, Ind. 47807

Community Affairs File

Dear Mr. Lewis:--

In re the Gallington-Burnham-Smith-etc.--

When I returned to Lawrenceburg after my recent visit with you, I found in my accumulated mail a letter from Mr. Gallington with much information in it. I have already written to him and will now advise you of much of what I wrote to him. .

From the Archives Div., Indiana State Library---- In the Vincennes Land Office, Tract Book 5, p. 269:---
George Smith (Sr.) of Crawford Co. Ill. rec'd--T, 12N; R 9W; W½ SW 6 on March 18, 1825
George Smith Jr bought SW NW and NE SE 6 in 1832 and 1834.

I am enclosing a copy of the map section you gave to me and have marked it Map No. 1. The date is not on it and I show it as about 1850. Note that John Smith (listed as J. Smith) has considerable land in the Northeast part. Then Dennis Hearn is West of John Smith. (Dennis Hearn's wife was Elizabeth Smith, daughter of George Sr.). Then West of Dennis Hearn are the three portions marked G. Smith--this is George Jr. One of the plots of G. Smith Jr. goes all the way North to the road which is the boundary between Fayette Twp. and Sugar Creek Twp. The other two plots are smaller and adjoin the longer plot. Then you also see the Sisters of Providence plot which contains the original plot of George Smith Sr. and some of Thralls' land. You can also see that there are plots listed as H. Smith who was Henry, son of George Sr. Below Henry's plots there is a plot of G. W. Smith, probably Henry's son George as I know that Henry had a son George. Over to the West you will see G. W. Kuykendall, my great-grandfather. Note I have written 'Pisgah Church' in the left margin and drawn a line to show where Pisgah was located. Note also that just below Pisgah there is no notation of a Missionary Baptist Church or Cemetery. Note also the location of the village of Macksville in the lower right hand. This became the Town of West Terre Haute. I show also in the North margin the location of Bethel Cemetery where George Smith Sr. and his second wife Mary 'Polly' Hearn and Dennis Hearn are buried. I have personally seen those graves. The road which separates the Townships was known then as Thralls Road.

Now go to Map. No. 2 which is a copy from my own 1874 Atlas of Vigo Co. Ind. Note that most of the property formerly owned by John Smith is now owned by Sullivan. John died in 1867. One portion of the land formerly owned by John is now shown as M. Smith--this is John's widow Margaret. Dennis Hearn is still there but note that the land owned in 1850 by G. Smith is now owned by Sisters of Providence. The heirs of G. Smith Jr. sold the land to the Sisters in 1866. George Jr. died in 1859 and his widow in 1862.

Now refer to map No. 3, the Callahan Funeral Home Map. They show Missionary Baptist Cemetery as No. 84 within the Sisters' property. When I wrote to Callahan to ask where they got the information as to that location, they did not send a letter, only a copy of an older map which showed Missionary Baptist at the first turn in the road, about one-fourth mile South of Pisgah (No. 33). I am sorry that I cannot find that copy of that

old map in my files.

I am enclosing copies of some sheets from various publications by the Sisters which the late Sister Logan, their Historian, sent to me. In going through those sheets and getting copies made for you and Mr. Gallington, I noted a statement I had over looked all these years. Refer to p. 35 in the 'Backgrounds in America' in paragraph 2, lines 11 and 12. The writer says "the remains of George Smith and his wife rest appropriately under the quiet pines in the little pioneer Cemetery past the old Golf links, surrounded by the farms of St. Mary of the Woods.This must be George Jr. whom the writer is describing. Bethel Cemetery where George Sr. and his second wife are buried was never owned by the Sisters and the farms of the Sisters do not surround Bethel. Bethel is now, and always has beem, surrounded by private farms and it is in a different Township. The Sisters' farms lie to the South of the Township dividing line.

About 1950, my oldest brother, the late Vivian Smith, went with our father's Cousin, the late Welton Smith, to visit Bethel Cemetery to show Vivian the grave of George Sr. While there, Vivian asked Welton if George Jr. was also buried in Bethel. Welton said "No, my grandpa George Jr. is buried in another old Cemetery up that way" and he pointed to the East along the road which separates Fayette Twp. from Sugar Creek Twp.

An item which may have contributed to the confusion as to who is buried where is that George Sr. and Jr. both died in 1859. George Sr. was age 91 and Jr. was age 49. Many years later when some of the enclosed material was written, this may have caused some confusion in the minds of the writers.

I am now certain in my own mind that there was a Cemetery on the farm of George Smith Jr. If so, the Sisters had every right to move it to another location but if there were any legible stones, they should have been recorded and made available to those of us who would like to know. There is nothing wrong in moving an old Cemetery to a better location and I do not in any way criticize them for doing so.

In recent months there has been an article in the Terre Haute paper about the proposed removal of all the 'Gob' produced by Green Valley mine and restoring the land surface for farming use. Before that is done, the Vigo Co. Surveyor should determine if there is a Cemetery plot there, it should be reclaimed by the County and sold at public auction. Apparently it has been there many years without anybody paying taxes on it. It is not overgrown with large trees so apparently somebody has used it for farming. It should also be determined who first owned the land and who supposedly donated it for a Cemetery.

Yours truly,

Herbert F. Smith

Herbert F. Smith

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Copy for Mr. Lewis

358 Cora Ave.
Lawrenceburg, Ind. 47025
Sept. 5, 1987

Historian--Sisters of Providence
St. Mary-of-the Woods, Ind. 47876

Dear Sister:---

For several years I have been trying to locate the burial place of my great-grandparents George Smith Jr. and wife Mary whose maiden name was Campbell. George Jr. died in 1859 and Mary about 1862. After the Civil War ended and the surviving sons returned home, they sold the farm to the Sisters of Providence.

Somewhere in your files there is the original letter written in the 1860s by your Mother Superior, Sister M. Cecelia, to Hiram Smith, the Administrator of the estate, relating to the purchase. I found the letter in some old family papers and sent the original to the late Sister Eugenia Logan in 1977.

I have recently had correspondence with Mrs. Dorothy Clark, Vigo Co. Historian, trying to find the correct location of an old cemetery known as Missionary Baptist. In her reply, dated Aug. 21, 1987, she had two paragraphs relative to Land Records of St. Mary-of-the-Woods campus, which I quote:--

"Land records, including those concerning St. Mary-of-the-Woods campus, have been well documented in the county court house. The several histories of the college include many references to land acquisitions, although they do not all agree.

It might be that the burial place of your ancestors in question might have taken place in the graveyard the campus acquired and did away with. They had any possible bodies exhumed, reburied, and stones placed again (if there were any). Information about this quiet happening could possibly be obtained from their history archives." End Quote.

This is an incident about which I had not previously known. Can you possibly check your records to see if such a removal of graves took place before or after 1859. If it happened before 1859 I know it could not have involved George Jr. and Mary.

Since I have never been able to find their graves, it is quite possible that they may have had a small cemetery on their farm and it would have gone with the farm when they sold it. They had two children, James and Anna, who died before the sale of the farm. There may also have been graves of some Campbells. Mary had a brother George and a sister who married a man named Hiram Boyd.

If there was a cemetery on the George Smith Jr. farm, that information alone would satisfy my curiosity as to where they were buried. If they were among those whose stones were legible I would love to know where they were located.

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Respectfully,

Herbert F. Smith

Herbert F. Smith

Vigo County

Indiana
COUNTY HISTORIAN

Dorothy J. Clark, 2032 North 8th Street, Terre Haute, IN 47804

Copy for Mr. Lewis

August 21, 1987

Herbert Smith
358 Cora Ave.
Lawrenceburg, IN 47025

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter dated Aug.17 concerning the correspondence from Georgia Price. The information about your mutual interests in the Smith family will be placed in my files on Vigo County families.

Land records, including those concerning those of St.Mary-of-the-Woods campus, have been well documented in the county court house. The several histories of the college include many references to land acquisitions, although they do not all agree.

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The Callahan Funeral Company's map is one I gave them to have copied for their use. The map has been updated and is available at the Vigo County Public Library and court house.

The Vigo County Commissioners would be a source of information concerning the status of this cemetery to which you refer. It would not be protected by state law unless there was a burial prior to 1850. I'm presently Vigo County Cemetery Commissioner, but for educational purposes only. Others must interpret the state law, and township trustees need only mow such graveyards as are within the county's jurisdiction - not family, private, church, etc.

Sincerely,

Dorothy J. Clark

Dorothy J. Clark

Community Affairs File

Copy for Virgo Co Library

St Marys Sept 5th 1865

Dear Miriam

I have made my decision with regard to the purchase. As the future is uncertain & changes will take place that we cannot control, I have concluded that it best for both parties that a Warranty deed be given. I shall pay the 50 dolls that you pay as the cost of appointing a Guardian. Let them select & appoint a Guardian (Garrett I suppose) and I will pay the 50 dolls for the share and pay besides the fifty dollars for the appraisal fees. Now, dear Miriam, I have done a good deed in sale of mineral, anything more I have to report.

Yours with friendly feelings

D M Cecil

Interpretation

St. Marys Sept. 8th 1866

Dear Hiram

I have made my decision with regard to Farm purchase. As the future is uncertain and changes will take place that we cannot control, I have considered that is best for both parties that a Warranty deed be given. I shall pay the 50 dollars that you say is the cost of appointing a guardian.

Let Hearn Joseph appoint a guardian, (yourself I presume) and I will pay him 600 dollars for his share and pay besides the fifty dollars for the aforesaid purpose.

But, dear Hiram, please give me a good deed; in case of minors , everything has to be so exact.

Yours with friendly feelings

Sister M. Cecelia, Mother Superior.

Note that in his memoirs, Dad said his youngest Uncle was Joseph Hearn Smith

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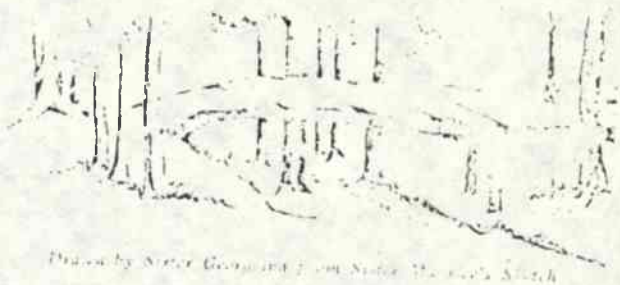

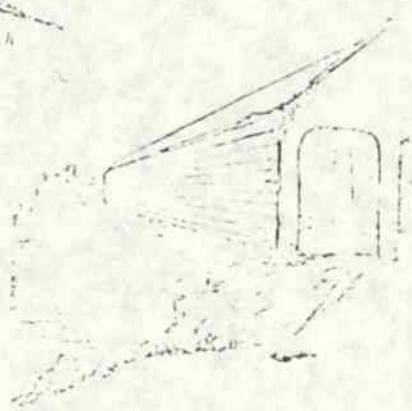

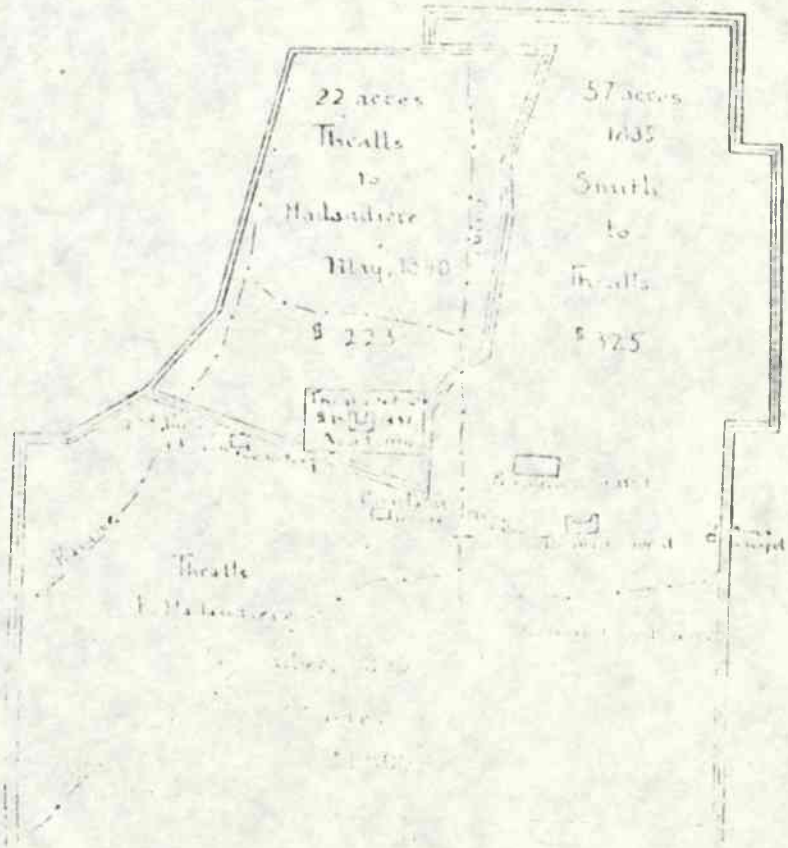
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diately, and poor timorous Sister Saint Vincent actually feared uld fall upon her for keeping the dying Foundress under her er Corbe made a secret night journey to Vincennes to admin- raments and after about five days of intense moral and phys- ng she began to get better, and in accordance with the Bishop's commenced to formulate a plan to leave the diocese secretly. e could she go, without money, friendless, so weak still that she it up for a quarter of an hour? If she attempted even to read a apply her mind to any serious matter, her temperature rose mingly. Anxiety was still killing her.

ile at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods consternation greeted Sister r's return alone, the bearer of the dreadful news that their been driven from the Community and the diocese, and as they ommunicated. Father Corbe had received a letter from the ging for an election to replace their absent and dying Mother, ughts and desires of all clung irrevocably to Mother Theo- are aware of my personal opinion," said Father Corbe to Sister is Xavier. "Nevertheless we must know the dispositions of unity." The bell was rung, and all assembled in "Mother's e they declared their unanimous resolution to reject any an election, to adhere to their absent, proscribed, and suffer- and to follow her wherever she would go. Sister Saint Francis charge. She met the postulants and told them weeping of the traits to which the Community was reduced. The Bishop's ommunication for any Sister who left the diocese without his was made plain but they too expressed their determination with the Community and to join it in its emigration with its constituted superior general. To Father Corbe's great consola- one hesitated. The workmen led by Père Michel acquiesced also eral resolution to leave Saint Mary's at once. A letter was im- drawn up, signed by the professed Sisters and dispatched by r, Jean Delahaye, on horseback to Vincennes to Mother Theo- faithful Jean," as Sister Saint Francis Xavier calls him.

of trunks began and preparations for the journey. But where? ow no money. All the funds from France had been sunk in lding suddenly become useless overnight. Sister Saint Francis te to Archbishop Eccleston, to the French superiors, and to d friend Father de Saint-Palais at Madison of the terrible which had overtaken the Community and of their hasty prep- leave Indiana following their persecuted superior.

nes illness and grief still bound Mother Theodore to her bed Saint Vincent's unwilling house. Gradually withdrawn again eak of death, she saw she must be resigned still to live and . The letters of sympathy brought by Jean from every Sister ary's assuring her of their loyalty to her as their Mother and rmation to let nothing prevent them from following her [illegible] followed by similar protestations from all the [illegible] supplications were mounting to heaven [illegible] as in times of public distress we [illegible] were exposed [illegible]

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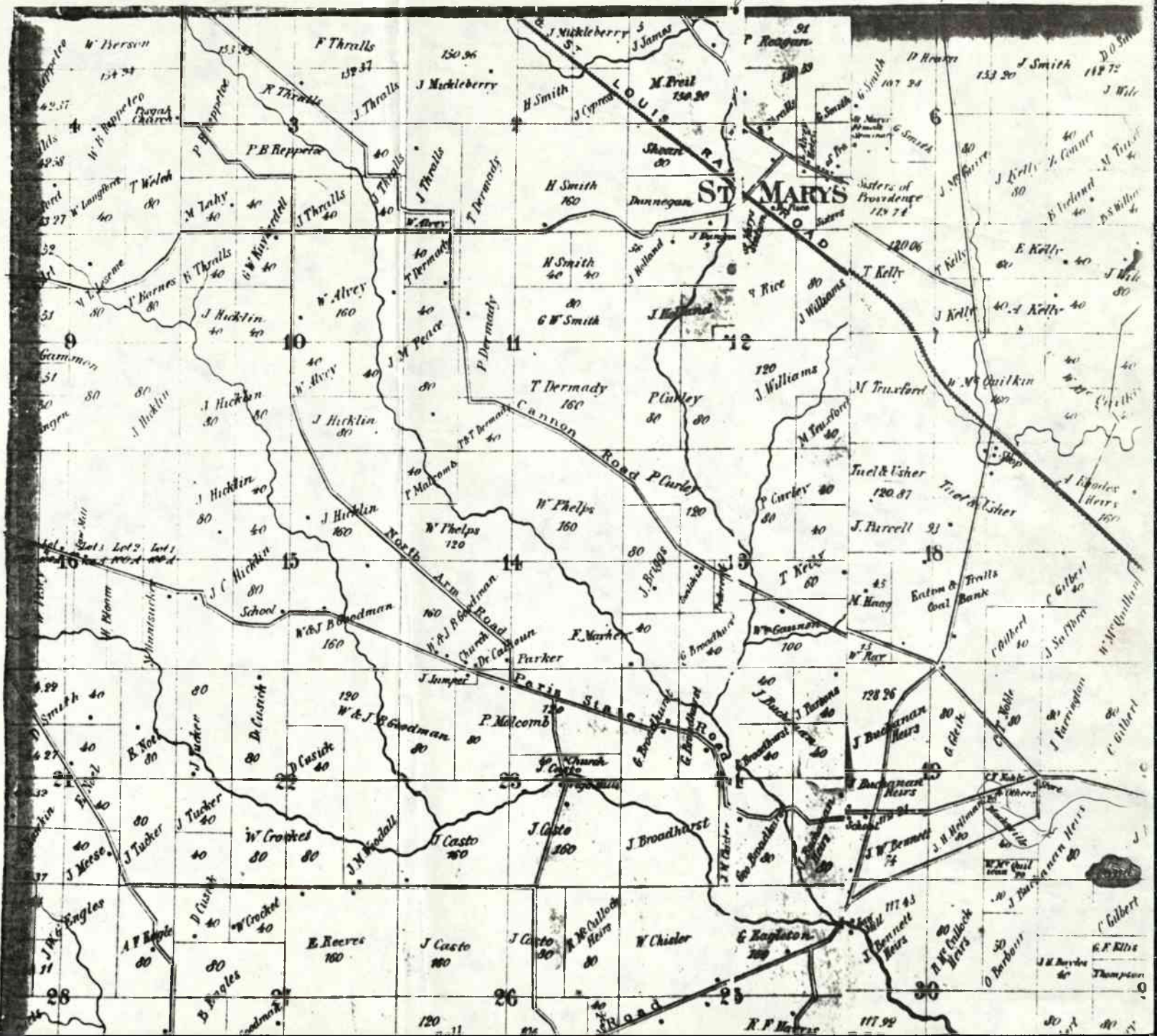
Date about 1850

approximate location of Bethel Cemetery



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MAP OF SUGAR CREEK TOWNSHIP.

PISGAH

Bethel CEMETERY

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MAP No. 3

Vermillion Co Ind

LEGEND

Cemetery number, location and name (R.W.: Revolutionary War Soldiers also buried in cemetery)

SWALLS
CHAMBERLAIN
PATTERSON
REEVE
MARKLE
DENNY
SMITH
OTTER CREEK UNION (R.W.)
DURHAM
GRAY
HOSKINS
CHEEK
BALDING
PHILLIPS
KENNEDY
SPARKS
EVANS
ROGERS
BAKER
DICKERSON (R.W.)
HULL (R.W.)
NEW HARMONY (R.W.)
PRAIRIE CREEK (R.W.)
MIDDLETOWN
BETHESDA — 25
BARNHART
NEW HOPE — 27
ANDERSON
PRAIRIETON (R.W.)
ROSE HILL U.B. — 30
ROSE HILL — 31
CARSON
PISGAH (R.W.) 33
NEW VERMILLION
BLACK — 35
WOOD
BRICK CHURCH
SHEPHARD — 38
INDIAN ORCHARD (R.W.)
LYONS
KEIGER
MT. PLEASANT
SULPHUR SPRINGS
WOODLAWN (R.W.)
BAY BURYING GROUND (R.W.)
TURNER
MINER
LIBERTY
OLD OAK HILL
McMASTERS
OAK HILL
OAK HILL
DONHAM
NEWHINNEY
McDANIEL (R.W.)
PARKER
BAPTIST MISSIONARY
BENNETT
CALDWELL
BURNETT
HAVENS
DAVID SMITH
SCOTT
WATSON
STOUT
TYKIN
THOMAS
LESTER
MOORE
COAL CREEK
GRANDVIEW (R.W.)
BROWN
OLD BROWN (R.W.)
JOHNS
HEBREW
HIGHLAND LAWN
CRESS
COOPER
STARCK
STONE HILL
ADKINS
BETHEL
MISSIONARY BAPTIST
MT. OLIVE
FLETCHER CHAPEL
TAYLOR (R.W.)
RAY
KEITH
STEPHENS
TWIN GROVES
ING
AMES
HAYMAKER
HYDE
ZIMMERLE
HUGGLES
ST. MARY'S
CALVARY
UMBLEY
HATTUCK
WARTS
HABERMAYER
TAGGE

Libertyville
Shirkieville
New Goshen
Sandford
Marion Hts
Whitcomb Hts
Ferguson Hill
Liggett
Walton Lake
St Mary of the Woods
Toad Hop
Dresser
W TERRE HAUTE
HAMMAKER
THRALLS
SANDFORD
BOLTON
SCHOOL
LEEK
TIFFIN
SARAH MYERS
POTHAST
BLOCKSOM
FEDERAL PENITENTIARY
Thompson
C.M. ST. P. & P. R.R.
PENN-CENTRAL
PENN-CENTRAL R.R.
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LONDON RD 67 AVE
PENNINGTON RD
SHERBURNE RD
DENVER RD
FUNKHOUSER RD
KOONSE RD
LIBERTYVILLE RD
EDINGTON RD
BELL RD
STROLE RD
NEW GOSHEN RD
WHITESELL RD
TRITT RD
THRALLS RD
GOSSELL RD
AGAN RD
BOLTON RD
LEEK RD
SCHOOL RD
TRINITY RD
SHERBURNE RD
HUTCHINSON RD
BANDY LN
SHIRLEY RD
DURKEE RD
RENO LA
SHIPPENSVILLE RD
QUEBEC LA
ST MARYS RD
FERGUSON HILL RD
HOWE RD
LEVEE RD
PARIS RD
SANFORD RD
JOAB RD
ROBINSON RD
LEWIS RD
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THRALLS Rd is division line between Fayette Twp on North and Sugar Creek on South

Near Providence

FERRIS CEMETERY

DOOLAP CEMETERY

prised within the present acreage of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods were not recorded till fifteen years after Terre Haute was plotted and sold.

Like all the western rivers the historic Wabash runs normally only a few inches below the level of its five-and-a-half-mile-wide valley. The banks rise in three distinct levels: first, the bottoms, rich in alluvial soil and fertile, but subject to the yearly floods, which have at times taken on disastrous proportions; next, the terrace, thirty to forty feet above high water; and lastly, the bluffs, ninety to one hundred feet beyond it. The early land agents had chosen the site of Terre Haute partly for its lofty location sixty feet above the water. The river, which occupies only one-third of the bottom here, sweeps the foot of the bluff on which Terre Haute is built. The heavily timbered bottom land lies at this point all on the western side and expands both above and below Terre Haute considerably beyond its ordinary mile-wide proportions. Almost everywhere it was covered with oak, walnut, sycamore, beech, and elm trees of large and dense growth.

The second level or terrace, rising behind the bottom, is reached two and a half miles away at Macksville or McQuilkinsville, plotted in 1830 by Samuel McQuilkin, sometime postmaster of Terre Haute. He hoped that in time his town would share the growth of Terre Haute, but the high water and floods, which yearly cut it off for weeks from all approach to the city, checked for many years the development of what is now West Terre Haute. The second level has some prairie land with fine black soil. The prairies are, however, almost all on the east side of the river, giving to Terre Haute its early name of the Prairie City. These prairies reach almost to Vincennes, separated by numerous creeks and streams bordered with thick fringes of timber. "The prairies in the vicinity of Fort Harrison," writes an early surveyor, "exceed for beauty and richness anything I ever beheld."[5] The second terrace forms the Wabash Valley proper, as the river, dark green and tree bordered, sweeps southward. Here the distance from bluff to bluff on each side is five and a half miles with the third level far above the erratic water and beyond its highest flood mark.

Rolling hills all thickly grown with giant timber marked this last terrace, the Indiana forests, for beauty and valuable woods second to none in our country. All this region is underlaid with bituminous coal in several veins, and under much of it lies a serviceable sandstone. The sugar tree here spilled its delicious liquid in the spring in such abundance as to give its name to the township and to the winding creek which waters the hills. The locust flung aloft its scented blossoms, the oak and ash and sycamore towered in the autumn above the heavily freighted boughs of the nut trees, bearing in abundance pecan, hazel, and hickory nuts, chestnuts, and walnuts, nowhere so large or so delicious as on the Wabash.

In the 1820's only a few backwoodsmen lived over the river in the Sugar Creek country. The first permanent residents came to the western side of the river from 1833 on, seventeen years after Terre Haute was plotted. When the National Road was built [illegible]

Scattered permanent Catholic settlers[6] had penetrated the woods when Bishop Bruté in 1835 made his initial tour on horseback up the western section of his new diocese, looking everywhere for his Catholic flock. The easily tilled prairie lands of the eastern shore of the river were the first choice of the homeseekers and land speculators, but Thralls Station in the dense woods on the west bank of the Wabash had already attracted a little group of Catholic Kentuckians, who were penetrating farther and farther into Harrison's Purchase. The settlement was still insignificant, however, in 1840, three or four log cabins and a blacksmith's shop.

The earliest records of land entries upon the actual site of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, lying high on the wooded bluffs four miles back from the Wabash, bear the names of George and Polly Smith, whose patent from the United States government for a half section, where Providence Convent and the Church of the Immaculate Conception now stand and the greenhouses and Providence park north to the orchards, is dated 1825. Much of this convent homeland was first pre-empted by this pioneer farmer, who had been an aide and dispatch bearer to Washington during the Revolution and whose section of forest was no doubt a land grant for military service. His land patents were signed by Andrew Jackson. He came to Indiana in 1815 from North Carolina, and from him Joseph Thralls bought land in and about St. Mary's. The remains of George Smith and his wife rest appropriately under the quiet pines in the little pioneer cemetery past the old golf links, surrounded by the farms of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. Dennis Hearn in 1831 acquired from the United States government the acres now given over to the orchards north of Providence, and Henry Holdway in 1835 bought also from the government in Martin Van Buren's time the rolling hills cut by deep ravines where now are St. Joseph's lake and the coal mine, on both sides of the Clinton Road. Jackson Longdon, a Terre Haute business man, and William Early in 1835 and G. F. Lambert in 1832, preceded as owners of this convent land the three brothers, Joseph, Jacob, and Francis Thralls who, however, invested heavily enough to give their name to the locality.

The Thrallses were Kentuckians of German extraction, from Elizabethtown in Nelson County. A Maryland emigrant, Isaac Thawles, is listed in Webb[7] among the arrivals at Pottinger's Creek, Kentucky, before 1800, and Richard Thralls of Prince George's County appears in the Maryland Census of 1790.

Joseph Thralls was at the North Arm Colony in Edgar County, Illinois, in 1824, where his son Isaac was born, and had married his wife Sarah Mattingly in 1815 before they left Kentucky. Thralls was a man of forty-six in 1840. He died in 1865, aged seventy-one years. Aunt Sally, as Mrs. Thralls was affectionately called, lived to the advanced age of eighty-three, dying at St. Mary's in 1876. Both are buried in the St. Mary's village cemetery. Their descendants are still living on part of their original farm in Vigo County. Francis Thralls gave one of his daughters [illegible]

from St-Mary-of-the-Woods Archives

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MOORE CEMETERY

NW¼ Section 15, T12N, R8W
Lost Creek Township
Markle List #70 / Mattox-Wood List #62

This cemetery is located east of Terre Haute, in Seelyville, Lost Creek Township, Vigo County, Indiana, on private property. On Hiway 40 east, turn left at the stoplight at East Glenn and go about ½ mile, turn right (south) on Moore Lane (private drive). There are several houses there and south of one of the homes is a small hill in a field where the cemetery is located.

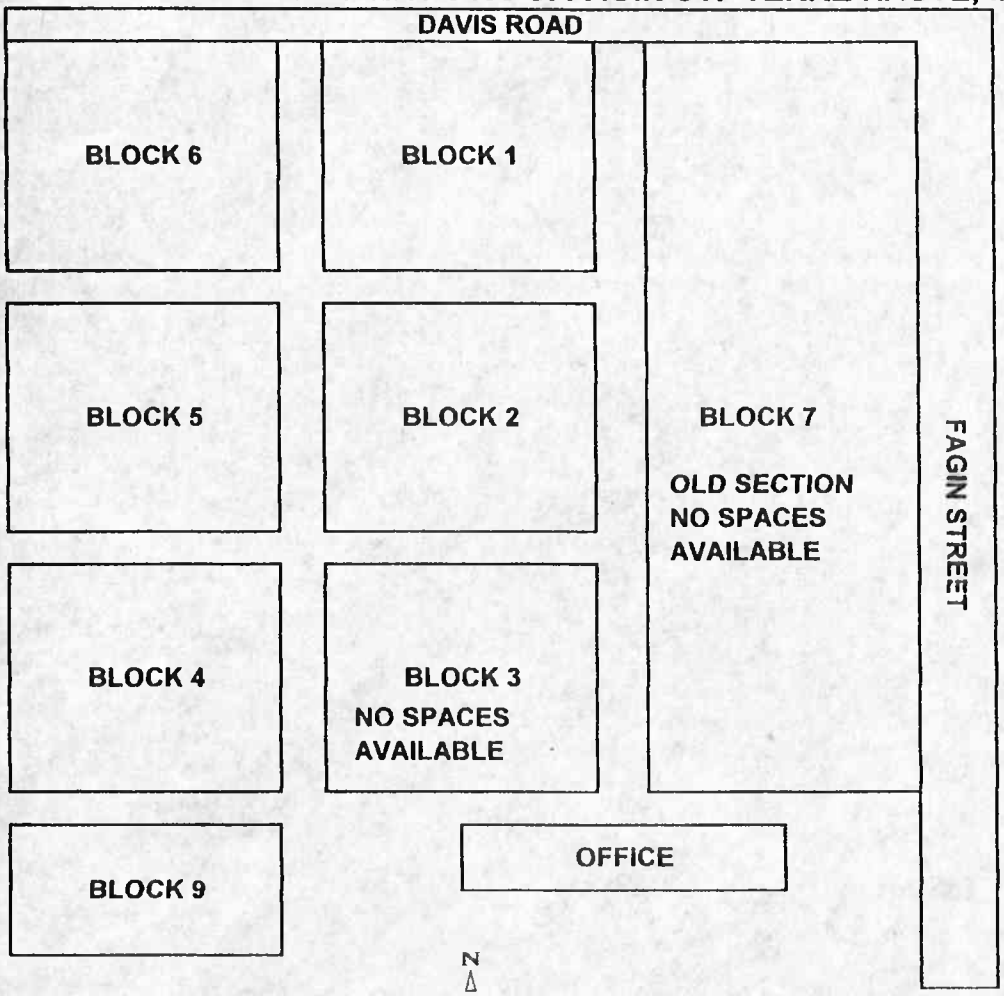
Information from Markle Records: David N. Lewis / Vigo County Public Library / 25 Nov 2005.

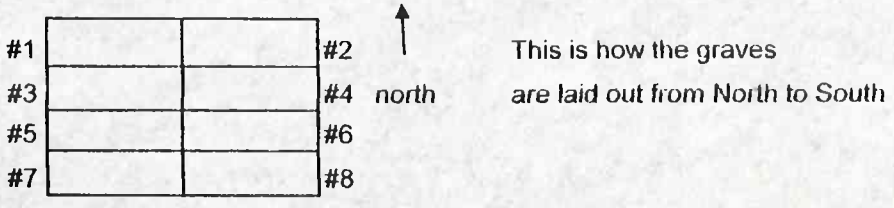
Last	First	MI	Maiden	DOB	DOD	Notes
Gray	Mathew			1799 Feb 24	1846Mar 28	husb of Nancy
Gary	Nancy		Dickerson	1800	1855	dau of Walter M & Penelope
Gray	Walter	D.		1829 Apr 13	1873 Oct 15	grandson of Walter Dickerson
Gray	Charlotta			(1837 Nov 22)	1873 Oct 14	wife of Walter D / 35y10m22d

Boy Scout Survey of Cemeteries of Vigo County (May 1984) states that the cemetery is "under research."

Cemeteries (WV) Mt. Pleasant

MT. PLEASANT CEMETERY 3455 S. FAGIN ST. TERRE HAUTE, IN





From: David Lewis
To: ralphansam@aol.com
Date: 10/3/2006 12:19:52 PM
Subject: Re: New Harmony Cemetery in Vigo County

Mr. Ralph G. Watson,

We know that New Harmony Cemetery was created before the adjacent Hew Harmony Baptist Church was built in the Summer of 1859. The church structure is gone now having lasted only 100 years or so. In its last years it was used only for funerals.

According to the 1858 (oldest) plat map of Vigo County, New Harmony Cemetery appears to have been on land owned by the Richard Wright family and, possibly, their predecessors whose name(s) I do not know. Or, the Wrights could have purchased the land from the US Government though I'm doubtful. This would have been in the NE 1/4 of Sect. 3 of what is now Prairieton Twp, but in the earliest days it was Prairie Creek Twp. (Prairieton Twp. was created later.) Often it is referred to as Twp. 10 North and Range 10 West (Prairie Creek Twp). I imagine NH Cemetery was started before 1830 though most of the stones of that era are now missing or illegible. "My" James Wilson and his wife were both buried there in 1838, but I've never seen their tombstones.

NH Church and cemetery were adjacent. This can be gleaned from the deed record found in (Vigo) Deed Book 22, pg. 293: "R.F. Wright (and Lucinda his wife) to Trustees of the New Harmony Baptist Church of Curry's Prairie Association. Warranty Deed. $10. Dated Feb. 8, 1859." The church was on ground "commencing at the northeast corner of the grave yard..." I could send you a copy of this brief record for .75 if you send the money to my attention, Special Collections, VCPL, One Library Square, Terre Haute, IN 47807.

Thus, the cemetery predated the adjacent New Harmony Church. It could take hours of research time (going through deed records) to determine who Richard F. Wright bought the land from though possibly from the US Government. It may be that the Vigo Co. courthouse has a "tract book" that lists each section in the county and tells who the first owner was. IF they do you are in luck. Do you want me to inquire for you?

*Also, there is another complicating factor: New Harmony Cemetery is very close to Sect. 2 of Prairieton Twp though I feel rather certain the cemetery is in #3 - but keep that in mind.

Let me know if you have questions.

David N. Lewis
Special Collections Research

From: Jim Gilson
To: Lewis, David; Sherrill, Nancy
Date: 10/2/2006 4:08:46 PM
Subject: New Harmony Cemetery--email correction

David and Nancy--

Please email any responses about the New Harmony cemetery to ralphansam@aol.com The other email address I gave you was incorrect.

The man's name and address is

Ralph G. Watson
3907 Knightway Drive
Fort Wayne, IN 46805
260-485-6572

N Harmony Ch. + Cemetery are in (or near) Sect 3, Prairieton Twp. T. 11N, R. 10W

East of the cemetery is Sect 2. NE¼ of NE¼
West (where the cemetery is) was owned by L. or L. Wright EST. in 1874

On the 1858 Map New Harmony is in Prairie Creek Twp. but still in Sects. 2 + 3.
On R.C. and on R.F. Wright seem to own the land.

Wright - pg ~~45~~ 116

R. F. Wright to Trustees New Harmony Baptist Church of Prairie Creek Twp. Vigo Co.
Date of Deed Feb. 8, 1859
May 16, 1859 Warranty Deed $10.00
Bk. 22 p 293

Richard F. + Lucinda Wright
"Commencing at the northeast corner of the graveyard...

New Harmony Cemetery Vandalized

Cemeteries, Vigo Co

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By CAROLYN TOOPS

Tribune Staff Writer

Vandals knocked down and damaged 51 gravestones during the weekend at New Harmony Cemetery in Prairie Creek Township, causing extensive damage, said Myrel Capps, president of the New Harmony Cemetery Association.

A $250 reward is being offered by the cemetery association for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible.

Many of the gravestones are more than 100 years old and cannot be replaced, Capps said. The cemetery also contains the grave of a Revolutionary War soldier, Ebenezer Paddock, who, with his two brothers, were among the first settlers along the Old Army Road in Prairie Creek Township.

Capps said that most of the damage had been done to the larger markers. The cemetery has about 200 graves, he added. The Paddock marker, along with others replaced by the federal government in the 1920s, is of marble and of smaller size.

"This incident of vandalism is certainly distressing," said Dorothy J. Clark, president of the Vigo County Cemetery Commission.

One of the purposes of the American Bicentennial is to see that all graves of Revolutionary soldiers are marked, she explained. Capps said he planned to continue his investigation of damage to the New Harmony cemetery to determine if there had been damage to the Paddock grave and marker.

Mrs. Clark said that Paddock, known as "Colonel," because of his military service and his leadership qualities, was born in 1740 in Maryland and died in 1840. He had 11 children. A son, Ebenezer Jr., was a Vigo County commissioner when the first courthouse was built in 1832-1833.

A large family of descendants came from these three promtnent Paddock brothers who came to Vigo County in 1817 from Ohio, Mrs. Clark noted, and all were "men of public spirit, who showed enterprise in developing resources of the new country . . ."

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New Harmony Cemetery

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RICHARD HEYEN, 1557 Maple Ave., was one of several persons who went out to the New Harmony Cemetery in Prairie Creek Twp. Tuesday to see if his family graves had been vandalized during the weekend. Heyen said that his father, grandfather, several uncles and cousins were all buried at New Harmony. Cemetery officials reported that 51 markers had been overturned or broken.

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CEMETERY VANDALISM—These are two of the gravesites at New Harmony Cemetery where vandals overturned markers. Many of the graves are more than 100 years old. The New Harmony Cemetery Association is offering a $250 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible.

House of Photography Photos.

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NEW HOPE CEMETERY

Located on Darwin Road, south-west of Terre Haute, Indiana, Vigo Co. south of I-70 on west side of road.

ARTHUR, Jos. Co. K. 31 Ind. Inf. -no dates-

AUSTIN, James L. Co.L. 6th. Ind. Cav. -no dates- 3 unmarked graves beside Austin Stone.

BARBER, Abraham, Co.C. 1 Mo.Cav. - no dates-

BARKER, Brice Jackson, s/o G.B.& Catharine. 13 Dec.1853 - 5 Feb.1854 - 1m 22d.

BAYLESS, E.B. d. 17 Nov.1829
, William d. 10 Sept.1865 - 55y 5m 19d.
, Oadving (?) d. 16 Oct.1832 -

BEARD, Otto E. s/o J.W. & R.C. d. 22 Apr.1890 - 20y 7m 8d

BECKEL,John J. - 28 Mar 1861 - 27 Nov.1894

BELL, Catherine, Mother of Wm.Bell d. 9 May 1878 - 73y 0m 12d.
, Raymond (bro.) 1892-1897- (beside Wm.)
, William -Father- 3 Feb.1829 - 15 June 1912
, Fannie E. -Mother- 7 Aug.1859 - 8 Sept.1944
, William -Brother- 13 Nov.1882 - 28 Sept.1958
, Frances E. -Sister- no dates.

BENNETT, Adam 1895-
, Ina 1896-1973

BLACKBURN, Ora C. 1884-1940 Husband
, Nettie E. 1884-1957 Wife
, Forrest E. Ind. PFC. 701 Tank Destroyer, BN WW2. 5 Oct. 1911 - 17 June 1951

BILYEU, Clara J. (Blue) w/o Harry Bilyeu 1886-1918

BLUE, William IONIE-#104. 21 Apr.1858 - 19 Mar. 1912
, Clara J. --see BILYEU.
, Frederick P. -Father- 1853-1929
, Easter J. -Mother- 1854-1931
, Edward P. s/o F.P. & E.J. d. 16 Dec.1901 - 21y 2m 29d.
, Fred 3 Ind. Inf. - no dates-
, Rhoda w/o Fred d. 19 Nov.1875 - 47y 4m 27d.
, Fredrick d. 19 Nov.1875 - 7y 4m 27d.

BOYER, David 1879-1915
, Oscar H. d. 22 Dec.1913 - 25y 2m 4d.
, Nimrod E. -member of Co.A. 26th. Ohio Reg't. d. 16 Oct.1892 - 56y 5m 16d.
, George E. 25 Aug.1886 - 6 Feb.1954
, Anna -- see DAVIS.

BOYLES, James E. s/o W.E.&K.M. d. 5 Jan.1904 - 5y 6m 22d.

BUCKINGHAM, Samuel Co.A. 7 Ill. Cav. - no dates.

Cemetery Record (VC)
NEW HOPE CEMETERY
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BURNHAM, Susan could not read.
, William H. d. 8 Mar. 1830 -
, Alexander d. 9 Jan. 1866 - 48y 10m 1d.
, Cynthia w/o Alex d. 8 Jan. 1864 - 45y 3m 12d.
BUTTLER, Sarah E. d. 16 Jan. 1874 - 26y
, B--ell Stump- no dates.
CAMPBELL, Susan d. 1 Aug. 1899 - 83y 2m 2d.
, Cyrus d. 14 Jan. 1871 - 56y 9m 7d.
CARSON, William d. 11 Sept. 1863 - 42y 10m 1d.
, James d. 8 Sept. 1840 - 62y
, Abigail w/o James d. 14 Sept. 1840 - 52y 5m 11d.
, Elizabeth d/o J.& A. d. 15 Feb. 1844 - 31y 6m 25d.
, Elizabeth A. d/o Joel & Nancy (HALL) d. 9 Oct. 1844 - 53y 7m 12d.
CHASE, Elizabeth -- see NEWTON
CLANCY, Alice w/o Jas. 6 May 1867 - 28 May 1895
CONKLIN, George W. d. 7 Oct. 1898 - 70y
, Annie M. w/o G.W. d. 4 Mar. 1897 - 65y
, Charles Leon infant 1916-1916
, Joseph M. 1856-1931 --Ionie Tribe #1o4-I.O.R.M. has hatchet with T.O.T.E. meaning Tote of the Eagle.
, Susan J. w/o Joseph d. 29 Apr. 1902 - 52y 11m 16d.
, Ruth J. 1902-1904
COX, Thomas d. 15 Apr. 1851 - 29y 2m 14d.
, Loulu d/o T.& C.M. d. 2 Sept. 1881 - 10m 14d.
, Mary -Mother- 1863-1924
, Cyrus -Father- 1861-1934
CREWS, Elizabeth- d/o John & Elizabeth d. 27 May 1841 - 7y 8m 0d.
, John d. 17 Sept. 1876 - 83y
, Elizabeth R. w/o John --no dates-
CROCKETT, Bertie C. 1887-1968
, Joseph E. 1883-1954
, Catherine W. 1882-1952
, Joseph S. 1839-1919 Co.K. 311 V.
, Catherine w/o J.S. 1850-1923
CUMMINS, Infant s/o J.E.& L. d. 31 July 1870 - 24d.
CUNNINGHAM, Robert W. 1861-1939
CUSICK, Martha S. w/o Anderson 15 Mar. 1812 - 11 July 1886 - 74y 3m 26d.
DANCE, Mark b. England d. 24 Sept. 1879 - 97y & 11d.

DAVIS, John H. 1893-1973
, Anna C. 1890-1962
, Anna (Boyer) 1852-1920
, Salina Ann 1830-1906
DECKER, Joseph 10 Feb. 1867 - 26 Apr. 1909
on same stone
, Lettie w/o J. 14 Apr. 1868 -
, Lettie V. 1868-1941 Grandmother
DEVERS, Hattie 6 Sept. 1892 - 23 Aug. 1956
, Flanda 1888-1966
DEVOL, George R. d. 26 Mar. 1863 - 19y 1m 5d.
DONHAM, Dean Howard 17 Jan. 1947 - 20 Dec. 1953
, John Edwin 19 July 1944 - 26 July 1963
, Gary Wayne 10 Nov. 1951 - 4 Jan. 1966
DUVAL, Gideon d. 23 Apr. 1817 - 19y 2m 10d.
, Gideon Jr. d. 23 Oct. 1840 - 1-y 7m 10d.
--2 sandstone markers--
EARLS, Elizabeth w/o James d. 1 Feb. 1858 - 37y 2m 4d.
, James M. s/o J.& C.J. d. 16 June 1886 - 23y 1m 6d.
, Ida C. d/o J.& C.J. d. 17 June 1886 - 1m 15d.
, James d. 25 Aug. 1865 - 49y
ECKES, Thomas C. s/o D.& A.J. d. 6 June 1880 - 3m 4d.
, Ann Jane w/o D. d. 4 Mar. 1880 - 23y 4m 26d.
ELLER, William R. 1852-1896
, Mary E. 1845-____
GAIN, Francis w/o A.F. d. 1 July 1879 - 30y 8m 21d.
GALINGTON, Edith d. 7 Mar. 1872 - 19d.
, Robert D. d. 26 Apr. 1881 - 4m 17d.
, Frank d. 23 Mar. 1881 - 11y 5m
Children of A. & A. Galington.
GOLDWELL, James A. s/o A.C.& L. d. 1 Aug. 1856 - 3m 29d.
GREEN, Bertha N. 1919-1977
, Morris Earl 10 Feb. 1940 - 12 Feb. 1940
, Infant, Joretta M. - 17 Feb 1934 -
, flowers only.
, Edwin G. 1880-1949
, Nellie H. 1882-1956
GRINSLADE, John 1886-1963
, Eva 1891-1957
HALL, Nancy ---see CARSON

HARRINGTON, William J.O. Co.G.16 Ind. Inf. -no dates-
HODGE, Francis M. d. 8 June 1898 - 23y 2m 27d.
HOGUE, Nelle 1880-1881
, Jerome 1852-1936 Father
, Anna KUYKENDALL, w/o J. 1867-1937 Mother
, Robert 1885-1950
, Helen 1885-1972
, Raymond, M. 11 Mar. 1901 - 11 Jan, 1941
, Lena SHAFFER s/o R.M. 3 Oct. 1903 -
, Olive KEIM w/o Z. 23 May 1871 - 24 May 1955
, Zeb 14 May 1870 - 4 Aug.1930
, Rebecca Ann 1854-1938
, John 6 Nov. 1825 - 8 Jan.1894 - 67y 2m 2d.
HOLMES, Nora G. w/o Edward d. 8 Jan. 1901 - 25y 9m 9d.
HOOPINGARNER, Paul L. s/o L.& E.J. d. 26 Sept. 1916 - 11y 1m 1d.
HOUSER, Infant/o Henry & Susannah d. 20 Jan. 1841 - 1d.
, Henry s/o W.& A. d. 20 Jan. 1885 - 1y 3m 20d.
, Henry d. 11 Aug. 1887 - 64y 3m 24d.
, _____ Mother + 1905
HUSBAND, George s/o E.& H.Hussam d. 11 Mar. 1830 - 1y 7m
JOHNSON, Malora w/o G.W. d. 5 Apr. 1886 - 19y 11m 2d.
JONES, Ebenzer 11 Feb. 1832 - 30 Apr. 1863
, Martha A. 21 Nov. 1843 - 10 Apr. 1860
, Frank 10 Mar. 1861 - 7 June 1863
, Agnes 26(?) Dec. 1857 - 11 Oct. 1865
, Evan W. 9 Dec.1813/16 - 30 Jan 1877 Father
, Ernest 1909-1910
KAPLINGER, Oma 1892-1916
KEIM, Maud M. d/o B. & C. d. 16 Apr. 1881 - 17y 6m 6d.
, Benneville d. 13 June 1876 - 35y 3m 27d.
, David M. d. 14 Apr. 1874 - 30y 10m 18d.
, Olive -- see HOGUE
KELLEY, William A. 14 Oct. 1865 - 26 Sept. 1931
, Rebecca A. 1846-1940
, Edmund A. 1879-1968 Father
, Bess M. w/o E.A. 1886-1966 Mother
, James A. 1842-1928 - New Hope Lodge #824 -I.O.O.F.
KUYKENDALL, Mary Elinor 1851-1935
, Albert 1869-1931
, John

KUYKENDALL, Samuel d. 7 June 1890 - 65y 5m 0d.
, Anna -- see HOGUE.
, Henry s/o John & Mary d. 20 Aug.1849 - 21y 6m 3d.
, Amanda A. d/o Samuel & Laura
d. 16 Mar. 1852 - 1y 9m 5d.
, by Amanda A. are 2 stumps, with - Charley K. & John K. (children).
, William 27 May 1820 - 22 Feb. 1890 - 69y 8m 25d.
, Jennie w/o W.C. 17 Sept. 1860 - 19 Nov. 1910
, John d. 29 Dec. 1834 - abt. 55y.
, Mary w/o John d. 10 May 1858 - 63y 6m 20d.
, Martha J. 21 Apr.1824 - 25 Feb. 1911 - 86y 10m 4d.
KUYKENDALL, __ 4 small cement stumps with- Cora - Dickey - Sammy A. & Baby K.
, Maurice Co. L. 6th. Ind. Inf. Sgt.
, Laura 26 July 1879 - 16 June 1880
, John d. 5 May 1869 - 23y 1m 10d.
, Lavina w/o S. d. 14 Jan.1907 - 78y 4m 13d.
, W. C. 9 Dec.1855 - 16 Aug. 1924
Monument is large made like a tree with broken limbs & vines.
, Anna ----see HOGUE
KYKENDALL, Abram s/o John & Mary d. 20 July 1849 - 16y 11m 23d.
LAMB, William E. New Hope Lodge #824. I.O.O.F. 1857-1929
LEEK, Gracie D. d/o J.E. Leek d. 16 Aug.1888- 10m 27d.
LEWIS, Daisy E. 1881-1937
, David H. 1874-1958
, Mary E. 1854-1939 Mother
LEWIS, Johnie W. 1901-1901-
, Marion Co. H. 6th. Ind. Cav. no dates.
, Arlander 1833-1899
Mc CARTY, William D. 1844-1923
, Mary E. 1829-1910
Mc COY, Elizabeth d/o G.W.& H. d. 21 Mar.1885 - 15y 8d.
, Infant d/o G.W.& H. d. 7 May 1877 - 10d.
, Luther S/o G.W.& H. d. 19 Jan.1877 - 28d.
, Infant d/o G.W.T.& H. d. 1 Dec.1875 - 14d.
, Francis d/o G.W.T.& H. d. 27 Oct.1871 - 13d.
, John s/o G.W.T.& H. d. 13 Oct.1867 - 1y 4m 28d.
Mc GULLOOD, Martha J. w/o ____. broken stone and peices gone.
MILLS, Guy G. s/o L.T. & F. d. 29 Mar.1887 - 11y 8m 13d.
, Florence 1853-1936
, Leonard T. d. 4 Oct.1886 - 40y 6m 6d.

MONTGOMERY, William d. 29 Apr. 1851 - 76y 3m 14d.
MISNER, Robert M. 1898-1952 Father
, Gertrude 1899-1971 Mother
, Flossey W. d/o T.J.& N.J. d. 15 Apr. 1896 - 4y 5m 28d.
, Thomas J. 1867-1922 Odd Fellows.
, Nancy w/o T.J. 1869-1949
, Samuel Co.H. 133 Ind.Inf. no dates.
NEWTON, Reuben Ensign 18 Reg't N.Y. Militia War 1812-20 July 1787 - 21 Oct. 1849.
, Elizabeth (Chase) 26 Jan. 1790 - 16 Jan. 1857
NIEBEL, Louis P. s/o broke & N.E. d. 28 Jan. 1881 - Year broke off- 9m 5d.
PEERY, Hezekiah B. d. 23 May 1845 - 40y 8m 17d.
, J. S. Co.F. 30th. Ill.Inf. no dates.
, Asenath F. w/o H.B. d. 18 Mar. 1890 - 88y 18d.
POWELL, Clara w/o Lewis K. d. 6 Mar. 1875 - 29y 3m 24d.
RARDIN, Peter C. d. 14 June 1908 - 86y 3m 1d.
RAY, Samuel (stone broke off base) 6 Feb. 1822 - 12 Nov. 1843
, Catherine w/o John Ray(Rhea) 1768-1822 - from Tenn. to Terre Haute in 1818
, William (d. 16 Nov. 1861 - 28y 6m 21d.
(In the service of his Country at Paducah, Ky.
, Nancy w/o Wm. stone broke- 15 Dec. 1795 - 1 Apr. 1815 (?)
, Nancy W. d/o A.B.& J. d. 17 July 1833 - 7m 17d. stone broke.
, Nancy Elizabeth d/o J.M. & Amanda who died 17 July 1839 in the 7_? year of her age. (very hard to read.
, William H. s/o A.B. & J. d. 1 July 1822 - 1y 2m 23d.
, Catharine d/o A.B.& J. d. Sept 1825 - 2y
, William d. 25 Feb.1862 - 73y 8m 21d.
, James T. 25 Jan.1865 - 24 Aug.1876
, Sarah w/o Abraham d. 19 Oct.1844 - 18y 11m 8d.

SCARBRAUGH, George W. d. 29 Mar.1900 - 34y 4m 27d.
SHAFFER, Lena --- see HOGUE
SHEETS, Eliza w/o A.W. d. 18 June 1876 - 66y 7m 2d.
, Emly d/o A.W.& E. d. 29 July 1866 - 13y 5m 3d.
, Cessanoer d/o A.W.& E. d. 5 Sept 1844 - 3y 10m 11d.
, Harry Inft.s/o L.O.& Edna d. 21 Mar.1869 - 1y 1m 3d.
, Elizabeth w/o A.W. d. 19 June 1876 - 56y 7m 2d.
, Abraham W. 12 Feb. 1812 - 11 May 1895 - 83y 3m 2d.
, Sarah W/o A.W. d. 24 July 1886 - 41y 3m 14d.
, name broke off. d. 1 Aug.1863 - 19y 8m 4d.
, Ellis B. d. 7 Sept.1866 - __y 10m 12d.

SHEETS, broke off — d. 1 Mar. 1858 - 39y 9m 18d.
, (John — d. 5 Jan. 1881 - 91y 11d.
, (A large monument about 8ft. high with a large eagle with wings spread.
, (resembles a totem pole, with snakes, squirrls, birds, & etc. The inscription
(reads;- War 1812 under Gen.W.H.Harrison, also in Battle of Tippicanoe.
(cost $825.00)
, Mary w/o John — d. 6 Apr. 1853 - 71y 3m 6d.
, Julet — 17 Oct. 1814 - 1 Oct. 1851
, Hannah w/o Hiram W. — d. 1 Apr. 1851 - 22y 4m 19d.
, L. M. s/o B & J. — d. 23 Sept 1868 - 21y 7m
, Harry s/o L.O.& Edna — d. 21 May 1869 - 1y 1m 30d.
, Eliza J. d/o H.W.& E. — d. 24 Feb 1866 - 7y 2m 5d
, John s/o B.E.& J. — d. 11 Sept 1863 - 19y 11m 11d
, Casender d/o A.W.& E. — d. 5 Sept 1844 - 31y 10m 1d
, Emily d/o A.W.& E. — d. 29 July 1866 - 17y 5m 3d
SWICKARD, Inft. s/o M & C — d. 4 July 1864 - . .
, Sarah w/o John — d. 5 Sept 1871 - 52y Mother
, John — d. 7 Oct 1877 - 71y Father
TATLOCK, Wesley Co.A. 52 Ind. Inf. — nodates - Grave beside- no dates.
TAYLOR, Alice w/o W.H. — d. 20 Feb. 1896 - 26y 10m 10d.
THOMPSON, Robert B. s/o J.M.& M. — d. 9 Mar 1890 - 24y 9m 9d
, Joseph M. — d. 4 June 1884 - 59y 2m
, Mary C. w/o J.L.; d/o Wm.& M. KUYKENDALL; 1859-1918
, Dora B. d/o J.M.& M. — d. 5 Apr 1891 - 19y 8m 24d
THORP, Joseph — d. 16 Sept 1857 - 75y
, Mary w/o J. — d. 13 Feb 1864 - 71y
, Edwill, Inf't s/o J.M.& L. — d. 18 Dec. 1871 - 6m
TUCKER, Alex M. — d. 7 Mar. 1851 - 36y 10m 24d
, Mary w/o Joel — d. 22 Feb 1854 - 64y 9m 25d
, Joel — d. 11 May 1861 - 75y 3m 5d
WALKER, Beverly — d. 13 Oct 1868 - 62y 8m 16d
, Sarah w/o O. — d. 4 May 1897 - 89y 10d
WALLER, Catherine J. — d. 5 July 1902 - 73y 3m 8d
WEATHERWAX, Horace G. s/o D.C.& L. — d. 22 June 1860 - 27y 11m 21d
beside F.B.& E.W. Palmer - Co.T.H.,Ind.
, Clarissa d/o D.C.& L. — d. 31 July 1864 - 3y 7m 2d
WILLIAMS, Rachel — d. 27 Nov. 1881 - no ages. Mother
, William A. s/o C.& L. — d. 2 Jan 1870 - 8y 10m 4d
, Mary — d. 12 Mar 1855 - 69y 6m
, Charles M. s/o C & L — d. 13 Mar 1850 - 8y 1m 29d

WINEGARDNER, Philip d. 22 Mar 1865 - age broke off.
was in the 142 Reg. Ind. Vol.

WINTERMUTE, Ben. J.S. d. 10 Nov 1872 - 52y 7m 17d
, Eliza I. d. 2 Jan 1879 - 51y 9m 8d
, James N. d. 30 Nov 1865 - 12y 5m 16d
, Nancy d. 3 Mar 1849 - 22y 8m 6d.
(erected by A.B. Wintermute.)

VANOSDALL, John Preston- s/o T.G.& L.J. 21 Dec 1891- 14 Feb 1900 - 8y 1m 24d.
3 foot stones markers. no head stone in inclosed plot.

Infant, s/o D.& S.M. _____ d. ____ 11,1878. stone broken- peices missing, found under tree.

This cemetery was copied by Mrs. Betty Turner and Mrs. Mazie Garver Sept.& Oct. 1977.

NEW HOPE CEMETERY

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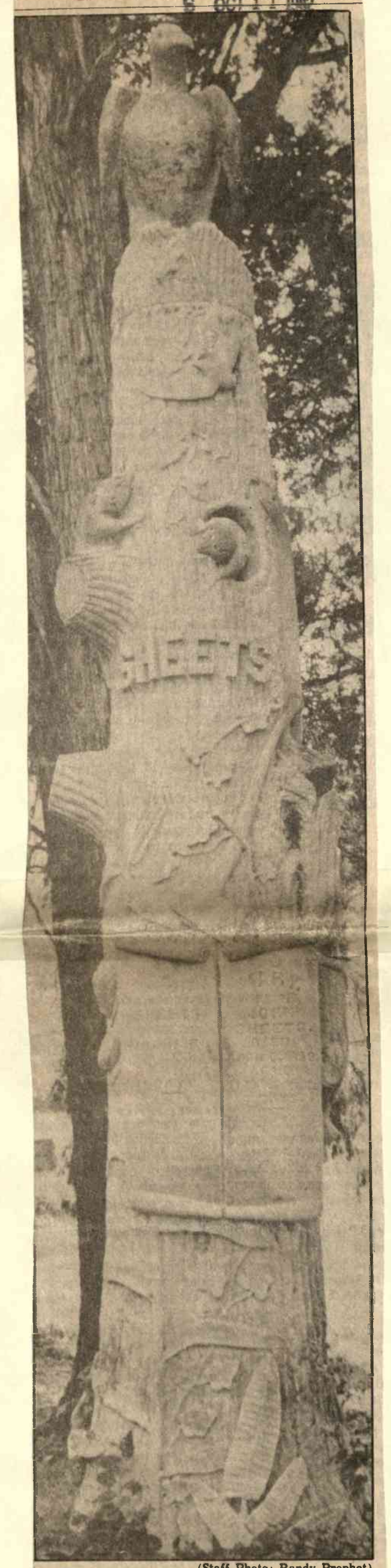

(Staff Photo: Randy Prophet)

TOTEM POLE TOMBSTONE — Among the trees and the other tombstones in this old cemetery near Darwin Road in West Terre Haute is this totem pole-like tombstone for John and Mary Sheets, which awakes questions about the couple and who they were. Sheets died at age 91 on Jan. 5, 1881, and his wife at age 71 on April 6, 1853, according to the message on the tombstone. But there is no hint as to the meaning of the symbols on the monument. The tombstone was erected in memory of the couple by H.W. and M.A. Sheets at a cost of $825, it reads. Carved in the monument, from top to bottom, are several animals, including squirrels, doves and snakes. Also engraved on it are corn, leaves, vines, an axe and branch stumps. The date of its construction is unknown. Included on the John Sheets portion is information about his service under Gen. William Henry Harrison in the War of 1812. He fought at, among other places, the Battle of Tippecanoe. Also inscribed on his portion is: "Sweet Jesus smiles and bids us come where angels wait our souls above."

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coming down the balloon followed him closely, and he was compelled to rock the parachute to keep out from under it. He landed within twenty feet of the balloon and at exactly the same time. Professor Woodall intended to take his dog Jack with him, but in making the ascent the dog was torn loose on a tree. This is the second time that the dog has been torn from the balloon and Woodall will not make another attempt to take him up. The balloon used yesterday is a new one and very large. It is seventy-two feet high, thirty-four feet in diameter, and contains 1,650 yards of cloth. Professor Woodall will make another ascension from the same place next Sunday afternoon.

OLD OAK HILL CEMETERY.

The Most Beautiful Cemetery in the State to be Enlarged.

The trustees of the Oak Hill cemetery, situated a few miles southeast of the city, held a meeting recently at the office of Mr. Marshall Lee, on Main street, and closed up the business of the cemetery association, covering a period of twenty-one years.

In 1871 Dr. H. D. Lee donated the ground for this cemetery and was the first person to be buried in it. Patrick Henry, Frederick Lee and D. H. Harley were appointed trustees, but in 1873 Mr. Henry died and W. A. Conway was appointed to succeed him.

The cemetery contained 305 lots, all of which have been sold at $5 apiece, amounting to $1,525. Of this amount $1,133 has been expended in caring for the property during the twenty-one years, leaving a balance of $392. At the meeting the trustees decided to purchase twelve more acres of ground adjoining and plot it into a cemetery, as the location is a beautiful one for a burying ground. In the old cemetery there have been about nine hundred bodies buried during the twenty-one years, a number of them being residents of this city. Every lot is decorated with a handsome and expensive tombstone, and the grounds are considered the most beautiful in the state.

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expense is entailed, and the boar
health has been searching industrio
during the past several days for a
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found nothing desirable that can
purchased.

THE COPPERS' BALL GAME

Terre Haute and Indianapolis Police Cross Bats Next Tuesday.

It has been settled that the game
ball between the Indianapolis
Terre Haute police forces will
place on the campus of the Rose P
technic institute in this city, Tues
afternoon, June 27. Game to be ca
at 2:30 o'clock. The price of admis
will be 25 cents. Quite a delega
from Indianapolis will accompany
policemen to this city. The gate
ceipts are to be equally divided betw
the two forces. The Terre Haute
tion is to be used in fitting up the
gymnasium.

Captain John B. Dowd is Dead.

Captain John B. Dowd, who was
known in this city, died from
received in an accident, at his
Rockville, one day last w
sergeant major of the Eighty-fifth
ana volunteers, organized at camp
Thompson during the war.

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100 Steps Cemetery
OR
Carpenter's Cemetery
Clay County

Cemeteries (V.C.)

THE 100 STEPS

Actually, there are about sixty. Those crumbling, weed-infested steps climb steeply upward to the summit of Carpenter's Cemetery, also known as the 100 Steps Cemetery.

Located due south of U.S. 40, about halfway between Terre Haute and Brazil, it is one of the older cemeteries in the Wabash Valley. Here lies the remains of county citizens who came to rest as long ago as 1872. And rest they need, for the long trip up the angled hill is not easy.

In 1947, the Carpenter family created a road to the top of the cemetery to spare coffin bearers and mourners the exhausting ascent.

The legend of interest enshrouding the 100 Steps is a firmly entrenched belief that those who profanely tread upon this sacred ground, especially at night, will find a number of fresh graves exactly equal to the number of people in the visiting party. One informant claimed that he tried to foil the phenomenon by gathering together twelve friends to accompany him on the sepulchral odyssey. He stated, voice aquiver, that they found thirteen fresh graves.

Perhaps he exaggerated. And maybe the one semi-fresh grave that I found when I went, alone, to this hauntingly beautiful place were merely coincidence.

Maybe.

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Abandoned cemetery being restored

T s APR 2 8 1985

By Dave Delaney
Tribune-Star Staff Reporter

An Otter Creek cemetery — abandoned for a quarter-century — has been located and is in the process of being restored.

"Some woman called me that she'd discovered a cemetery that needed work," said Candice Shoaf, Otter Creek trustee. "I don't even know who it was but she said she had family in it."

After a week's search, Shoaf found the cemetery along Rangeland Road. Since veterans' graves were in the cemetery, the Vigo County American Legion was notified of the discovery.

"We found graves of servicemen from both the Spanish-American War and WW I," said Ed Grindle, commander of American Legion Wayne Newton Post 346. He said the cemetery contains graves from the early 1800s to 1935.

"We've made this one of our projects." Grindle said nine members of the post worked at the site doing cleanup on April 20.

"We cut down trees and brush with chain saws," Grindle explained. On Saturday, the men cut the tall grass with lawn mowers.

Shoaf said Otter Creek Township will now see to it that the cemetery is mowed every two weeks during the warm months.

American Legion members will also straighten and repair tombstones and fill in graves.

The Legion plans a re-dedication ceremony at the site at 11 a.m. May 18. The public is invited

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